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The Air Cleared

PERHAPS, in the long run, the French Foreign Minister's none too tactful remarks that he is "in profound disagreement with much of recent Western policy" will have done more good than harm. Certainly it galvanised Sir Anthony Eden into initiating last weekend's talks at Chequers with M. Mollet, the French Prime Minister, and judging from the official communiqué the tete-a-tete contributed to a clearer understanding of viewpoints.

M. Pineau has not publicly elaborated his "disagreement" statement, but he has hinted that he considers the West's attitude towards Russia to be too rigid and uncompromising—a somewhat curious suggestion when one recalls the inflexible conditions which the Soviets have imposed when dealing with any of the major post-war international problems.

The Eden-Mollet discussions appear somewhat to have cleared the air. In particular it was necessary to find out what precisely was the new French government's feelings on Nato. That organisation is the sheet anchor of Western defence and the solidarity of its members is vital to its effectiveness. M. Mollet was fully reassuring, and if M. Pineau's "profound disagreement with Western policy" includes lack of confidence in Nato and its objectives, the Prime Minister roundly repudiated the idea that he and his government shared such a sentiment.

THE communiqué suggests Sir Anthony and M. Mollet did not share to the same extent common views on Middle East policy. Noticeably the French Prime Minister holds in some suspicion the Baghdad Pact, apparently believing that its military characteristics are provocative.

Assuredly the "northern tier" is designed as a protection against military aggression, but the economic aspects of the pact are no secondary consideration—a fact which Sir Anthony Eden, as one of the architects of the alliance, undoubtedly stressed with M. Mollet. The French Premier continues to hold reservations about the pact, but if his mind has been cleared of misconceptions as a result of his talks with Sir Anthony Eden, this will at least prevent future Anglo-French misunderstandings on the subject.

Right Decision

THE British government has done the right thing about Major Lee Shun-ling and his Nationalist Saboteur, and there will be general agreement with the statement which makes clear Hongkong's position vis-a-vis foreign warplanes seeking sanctuary in the Colony.

The only regret is that it has taken Her Majesty's government so long to reach what was always an obvious decision. We cannot help but feel there has been unnecessary procrastination on the part of the Foreign Office, especially as what HMG describes as "normal international practice" in dealing with an affair of this nature, was discernible and applicable from the start.

It is, perhaps, appropriate to call the attention of the Chinese Nationalists to another "normal international practice"—that of non-interference with innocent shipping plying lawful trade within international waters. British merchantmen are still being subjected to hostile and illegal attacks while sailing through the Formosa Straits, and it is time these were stopped.

The Chinese Nationalists are also under obligation to respect international laws and practice.

SILVERMAN BILL COMES BEFORE HOUSE OF COMMONS

MPs OPT FOR 'NO-HANGING'

Govt Move Again Rejected  
BIG TEST TO COME

London, Mar. 12.  
The House of Commons tonight agreed in principle to a bill to abolish or suspend the death penalty for murder by 286 votes to 262.  
By this majority of 24 it threw out an amendment by Sir Robert Grimston, a Conservative, seeking to reject the bill.

For the second time in three weeks the Commons, given a "free" vote, had ignored Government wishes. The Government strongly favours retaining hanging as a deterrent to murder.  
The Commons went on to give the bill a second reading—agreement in principle—without a further vote, the sense of the house having already been taken.  
The bill, a private one sponsored by Mr. Sydney Silverman, a Labour member, seeks to give legal effect to a decision against hanging taken by the Commons on a free vote on February 16.

But though the bill's further passage through the Commons now seems assured, the big test will come when it is passed on to the House of Lords. It is expected to reject it.  
The Lords have not the right to kill the bill but it can hold it up for a maximum of a year.

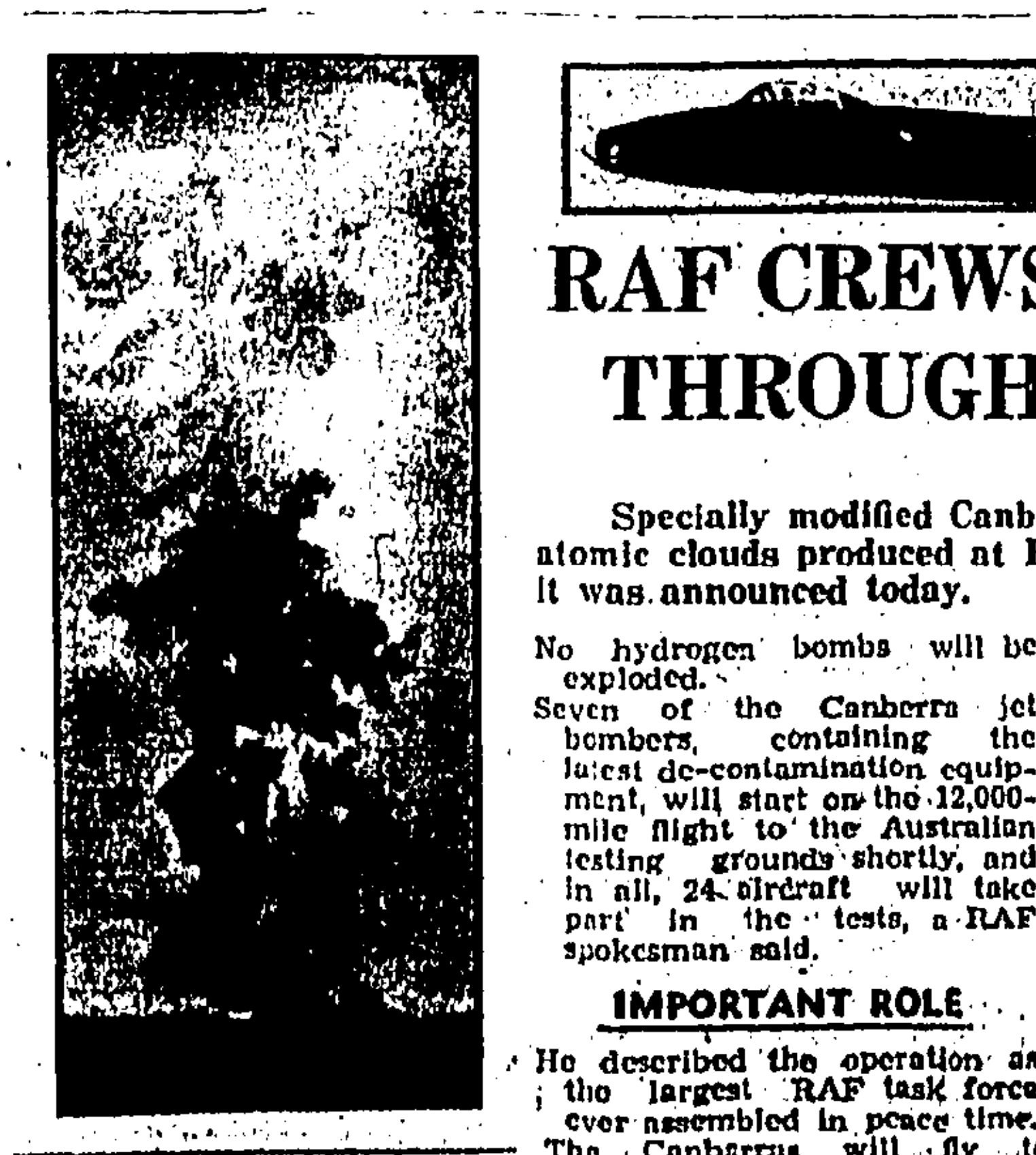
French Get Tough In Algeria

Paris, Mar. 12.  
The French Government today won sanction to go ahead with strong military action against the rebels in Algeria, coupled with radical reforms to relieve the poverty and unemployment.

The National Assembly in a session ending early today passed by overwhelming majority the four votes of confidence Premier Guy Mollet had asked for on the bill giving the Government extraordinary powers to cope with the situation in this strife-torn territory.

In the final vote the bill as a whole passed by 455 votes to 76.  
It was the most complete demonstration of unity the Assembly has seen for a long time. Only the Radicals, and a few right-wing Conservatives, voted in opposition.

Mr. Roger Lacoste, Minister residing in Algeria, was known to have everything ready to declare a State of Emergency there and act accordingly by Sunday, as the hope that the Upper House would have made the bill law by that time.



**Chinese Arrested**  
Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 12.  
Security forces in South Kalimantan yesterday arrested 24 Chinese, including an old woman, in Gue Muang new village, under the emergency regulations.—Reuter



Eden Sends Secret Message To Hussein

London, Mar. 12.  
An unofficial go-between left for Jordan tonight with a message from Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden for King Hussein.

Former Ambassador to Jordan, Sir Alec Kirkbride refused to discuss the message. He was pushed to Jordan the day after King Hussein dismissed Arab Legion Commander, Lt-Gen. Sir John Glubb.

He returned last week with a message for Sir Anthony from King Hussein, who was apparently alarmed by the violent British reaction to his ousting of General Glubb from the Legion.

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SCOTLAND YARD ORDERS WATCH FOR EOKA MEN

by PERCY HOSKINS

London, Mar. 12.  
Plans to prevent agents of the Cyprus Eoka terrorist movement infiltrating into Britain were put into operation by Scotland Yard tonight.

Special Branch men and immigration officers at all sea and air ports were alerted.

About 2,000 Cypriots come to Britain each year looking for work and the authorities are convinced an attempt will be made to plant agents among them—to foment agitation.

Steps are also being taken to guard against any pro-Makarios activities among the Nationalist sections of the 30,000 Greek-Cypriot colony already in London.

Court Action Plan

Most of these Cypriots are not anti-British—they find full employment in Britain and send home as much as £10,000 a month.

But there are some anti-British organisations. Chief is the left-wing National Cypriot Committee in Britain.

A group of Cypriots backed by British sponsors is planning to swamp Cyprus courts with actions challenging the emergency measures taken by the Government.

A fund for this purpose was launched last week-end.—London Express Service.

Submission Postponed

New York, Mar. 12.  
The submission of the Greek request for inclusion of the Greek in the provisional agenda for the next General Assembly of the United Nations was postponed today.

No reason was given for the postponement.

The Greek delegation lodged an official protest with Mr. Hammarskjöld over the week about the deportation from Cyprus of Archbishop Makarios and asked that copies be circulated among all member countries.

Greece was also expected today to make the formal request to place the Cyprus question on the provisional agenda.

Italy's Offer

The Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Gaetano Martino, said today his country would be willing to mediate between Britain and Greece on the Cyprus question.

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Negro Admitted To School After 7 Years

Washington, Mar. 12.  
The U.S. Supreme Court today ordered the immediate admission of a Negro student to the all-White University of Florida Law School.

The court's unanimous ruling was disclosed in a brief, unsigned opinion. It ordered the law school, at Gainesville, Florida, to admit Virgil D. Hawkins, 48.

Hawkins, a resident of Daytona Beach, Florida, has been trying to get into the law school for seven years.—United Press.

Riots In Athens

Athens, Mar. 12.  
Fifty Greek civilians and 11 police were injured in fierce skirmishes in Athens tonight when new demonstrations were staged against the deportation of Archbishop Makarios from Cyprus.

Demonstrators who tried to break through a police cordon ringing a huge square in the city centre were beaten off with truncheons.

The Chief of Security Police, Theodore Rakindis, said later: "All is quiet again now."

In Cyprus, a 17-year-old Greek Cypriot student shot today when he ignored a challenge to halt in hospital tonight from his wounds.

Bomb Thrown

The youth, Michael Georgiou, was a student at Paphos College, west Cyprus.

The shooting followed an incident in which a bomb was thrown at two Army lorries carrying Royal Marine companies at Kissonerga, in the west of the island. The bomb caused no damage.—Reuter.

Arab Bullet Kills Israeli Policeman

Jerusalem, Mar. 12.  
An Israeli policeman was killed and two wounded in an exchange of fire with Jordanians across the border in the neighbourhood of Batna village, an Israeli military spokesman said today.

An Israeli military spokesman said tonight that a second incident had taken place along the Israel-Jordan border, five miles south of the earlier clash.

The driver of an Israeli bus was wounded in the legs when Jordanians opened fire on road traffic in Israeli territory from across the armistice line, he said.

The spokesman also said there had been incidents along the Gaza strip where Egyptian positions had exchanged fire four times with an Israel outpost in the Kissufin sector.—Reuter.

NEW FRENCH PLAN

M. Jules Moch, the French delegate, arrives from Paris tomorrow to discuss with his Western colleagues a new plan prepared by him and examined by the British and French Prime Ministers, Sir Anthony Eden and M. Guy Mollet, at their meeting yesterday.

The United Nations Disarmament sub-Committee will make an interim report after six weeks to its parent commission—11 members of the Security Council plus Canada.

The sub-committee has been instructed by the General Assembly to give priority in its London discussions to President Eisenhower's plan for mutual air inspection and the Soviet proposal for establishing control posts at strategic centres.

Diplomatic sources said that President Eisenhower's recent letter to Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Prime Minister, had given the complex disarmament negotiations new hope of success.

THE Med Gets New Cold Blast

Nice, Mar. 12.  
Snow fell over the Mediterranean island of Corsica during the night, in the area where the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were cruising in the Royal Yacht Britannia on Saturday.

The new cold wave struck at other parts of the Mediterranean including central and southern Italy.

Six-foot walls of ice and snow cut off 120 Italian villages.

About 40 miles north of Rome a train with 135 passengers was completely blocked by the snow, and 200 people travelling by car or coach had to be dug out by troops, who took them to shelter at Viterbo.

Hospitals in Rome were full of people who were involved in accidents on ice-bound roads. Calabria and Sicily were also reported to be having heavy snow storms tonight.

New Western Bid For Disarmament Accord

London, Mar. 12.  
Britain and the United States today began talks here on a new Western drive to get agreement with Russia on the Hydrogen Bomb and other world disarmament problems.

Mr. Harold Stassen, special disarmament adviser to President Eisenhower, conferred with Mr. Anthony Nutting, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, opening a round of Western consultations before the forthcoming East-West disarmament negotiations.

Britain, France, the United States and Canada will meet Russia at the negotiating table here next Monday as members of the United Nations Disarmament Commission.

Committee in a fresh bid to break the 10-year-old deadlock.

Mr. Stassen, who flew here yesterday from Washington, brought with him several proposals which he discussed today with Mr. Nutting, diplomatic sources said.

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Checks Rising Rivers

Winds up to 88 mph were also recorded in New York State as the cold wave moved in. The cold was a boon to Ohio Valley floodwaters, however, since the dry, icy air eliminated any danger of more rising rivers.

Most roads were clear in the mid-west today, but new snow

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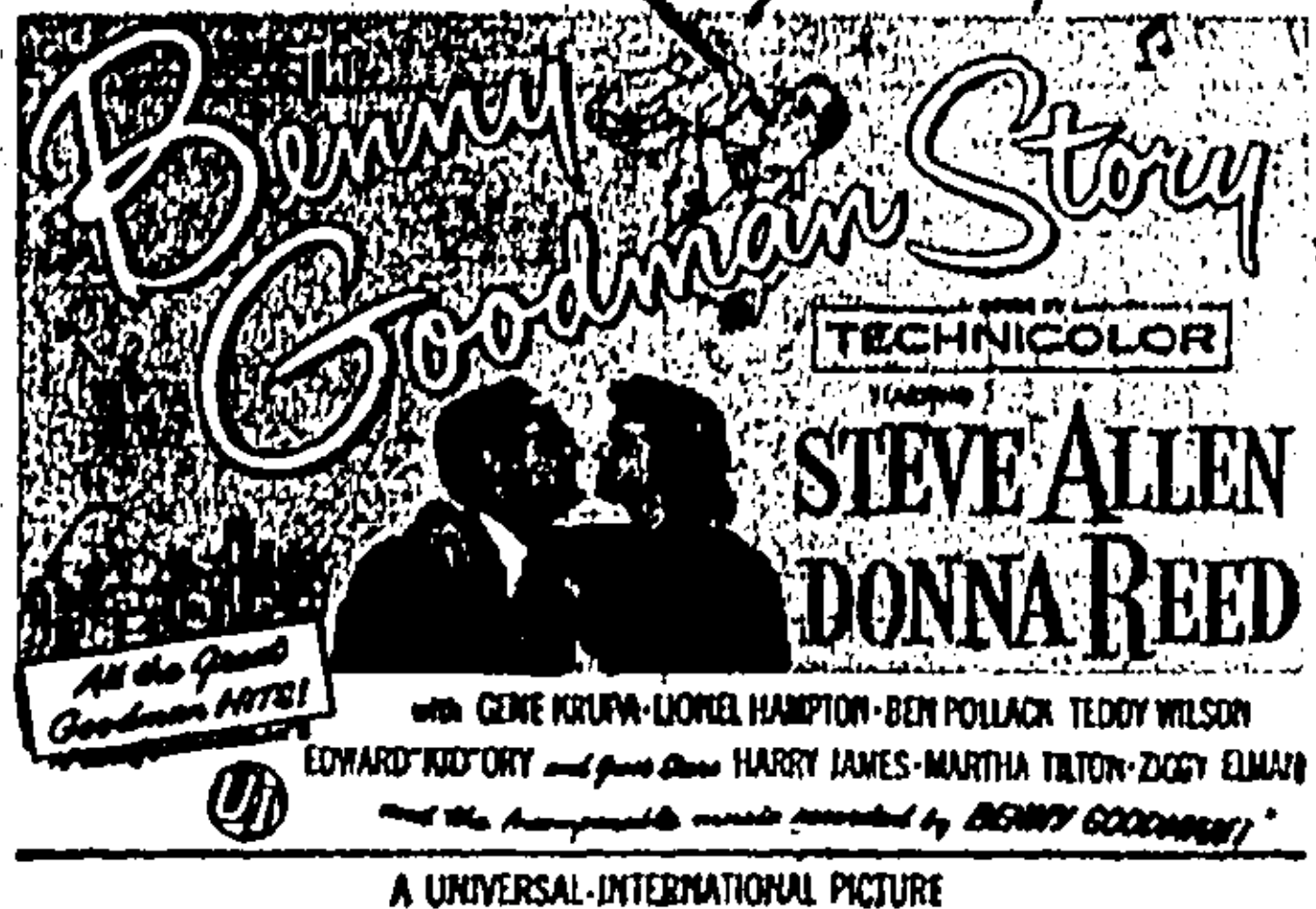
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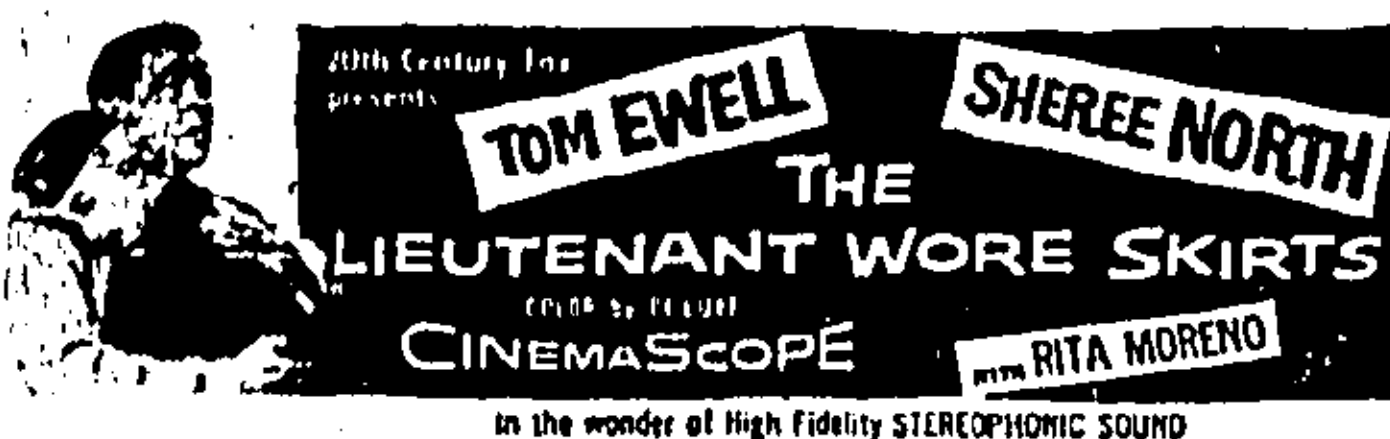
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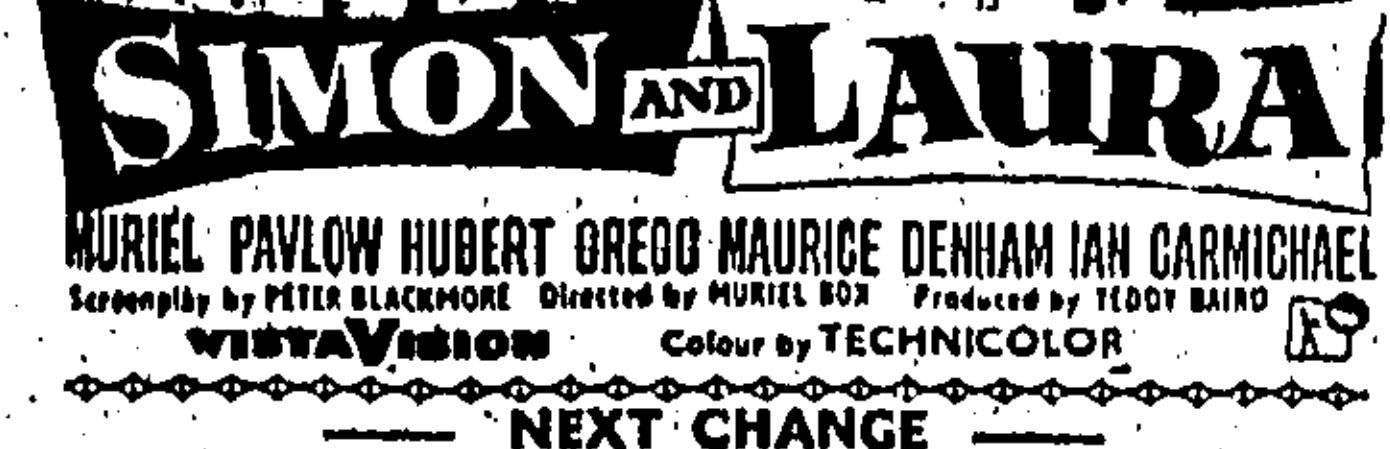
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A group of the beauty queens who are to compete in the "Miss Europe" contest in Stockholm next month are pictured taking a stroll down the Champs-Elysees, Paris, and making it look an even more attractive thoroughfare than it is already. From left are: Anita Strand (Miss Sweden); Rosette Ghislain (Miss Belgium); Margit Nunkie (Miss Germany); Rita Schmidt (Miss Holland); Brunella Toci (Miss Italy).—Express Photo.

# Best Trained Army In US History

Heidelberg, Mar. 12.

The 250,000-man US Army in Europe is being armed and tailored for atomic warfare and is the best-trained and best equipped in U.S. history, its commander-in-chief said today.

He warned that until the 12 West German divisions are raised and ready to fight three years from now, it probably would be impossible to defend all of Germany.

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# Action Party Leader Hints At Violence

Singapore, Mar. 12.

Lee Kuan Yew, leader of the People's Action Party, today said he would like to see a "democratic, non-Communist and independent" Malaya born.

Lee, secretary-general of the most revolutionary political group in Singapore, said the British "have played their part in Malaya and it is time for them to quit."

He qualified this by saying that he did not mean all Englishmen should get out of Singapore and Malaya immediately, but those holding administrative powers should be removed.

Lee made the remarks in a speech before the Singapore Union of Journalists.

# India An Example

Asked by a questioner if his party would work for friendly East-West relations after the Colony became independent, Lee said: "Whether an independent Singapore will be friends of the British depends on whether the British will want to befriend us."

"India is an example," he said. "More than a third of the people of this country are imbued with British education and culture for nearly 100 years and this cannot be wiped out with the stroke of the pen."

Lee said he realized Britain would like to retain Singapore as a "naval" base, but said, "When the people are hostile the place will not be so useful as a base."

Lee said everything depended on the talks which a Singapore all-party mission will hold with British authorities in London next month. He refused to speculate on the consequences of a failure of the London talks but hinted that Britain would have to contend with quite a lot of trouble.

# Violence Possible

Lee said all political parties in Singapore would have to make a "deep and acute change of policies" in the event the London talks ended in failure.

The PAP leader, who recently warned of a "peaceful revolution" if Britain failed to grant independence to Singapore, hinted today that he did not overrule the possibility of some violence. "Britain probably can contain the situation for some time by force but the British must know they cannot contain it for a long time by force," he said.

Lee emphasized he would not want to see Malaya fall into the Communist orbit.

# A Challenge

He said, however, an independent Singapore should not be anti-Communist "because, if we adopt an anti-Communist front we immediately create more problems for ourselves."

He said whether an independent and democratic Singapore and Malaya could survive a Communist challenge depended on whether the people who run the country could eliminate squalor, poverty and slums. "If we can't remove them," Lee said, "then the country will go Communist by default."—United Press.

# BMC RAISING HOME CAR PRICES

Birmingham, Mar. 12.

THE British Motor Corporation, one of Britain's largest car manufacturers, today announced price increases of 7½ per cent for all vehicles sold on the home market from tomorrow.

The corporation, formed by the Austin-Morris merger, make in addition Wolseley, Riley, MG sports-cars, and Austin Healey cars.

The statement said competition was extremely keen abroad, particularly in North America, but there was no question of cutting prices there to compete with German and French imports.

The statement added that wage increases of 15 per cent and material cost increases of 25 per cent had made the home market rise necessary.

Most of Britain's car producers, hit by world conditions and the Government's "tight money" policy restricting hire purchase sales, are facing the end of an 11-year postwar boom.

More than 15,000 car workers in the Midlands have been put on part-time working as major car and component factories cut production in recent weeks.—Reuter.

# Crocodiles For Flood Victims

Blantyre, Mar. 12.

A crocodile catcher operating from Fort Johnstone has sent a consignment of crocodile skins to the United States as a contribution to the flood disaster fund for Connecticut.

The donor, Mr. F. H. Dally, asked his New York importer to sell them and send the money due to him to the disaster fund.—China Mail Special.

Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, Mar. 12.

The Agriculture Minister in the Central African Federation, Mr. J. M. Caldwell, said that the Government would have to be careful not to jeopardise the country's economy by overdoing immigration.

He said the rate of immigration would have to be watched because of the cost of services which had to be provided.—China Mail Special.

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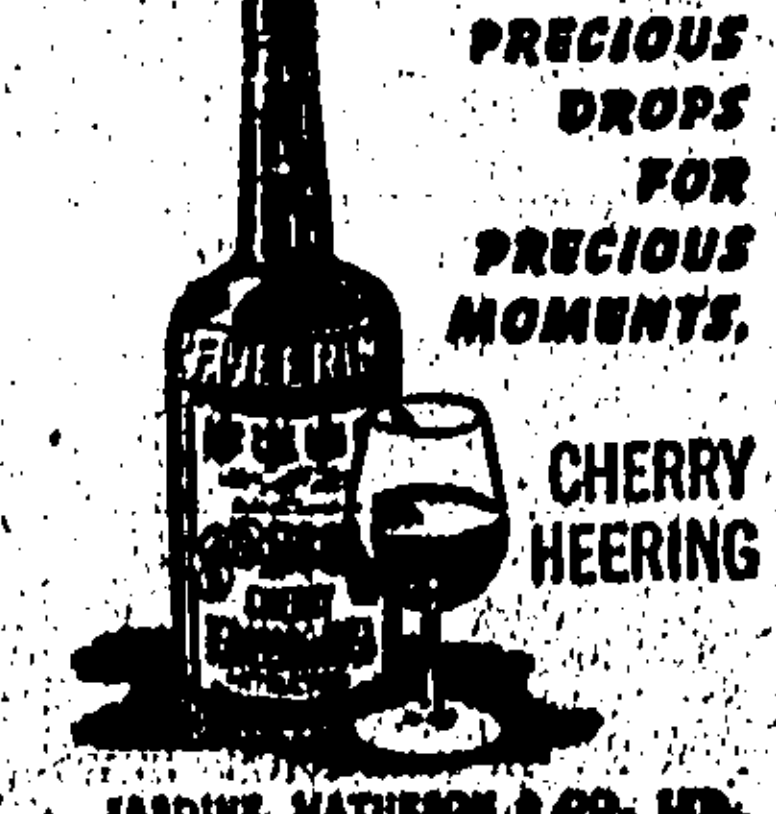
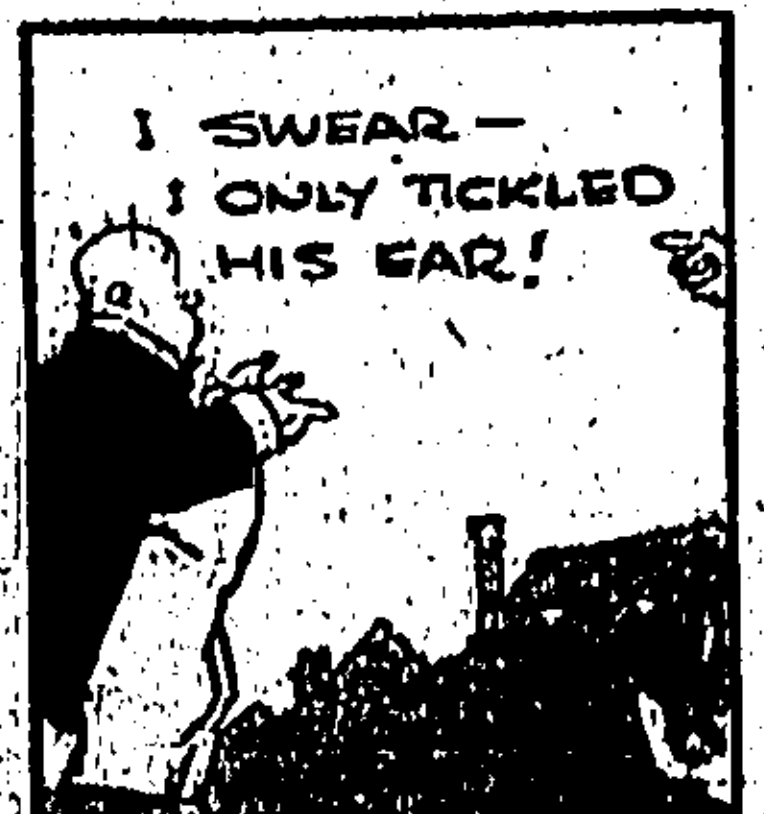
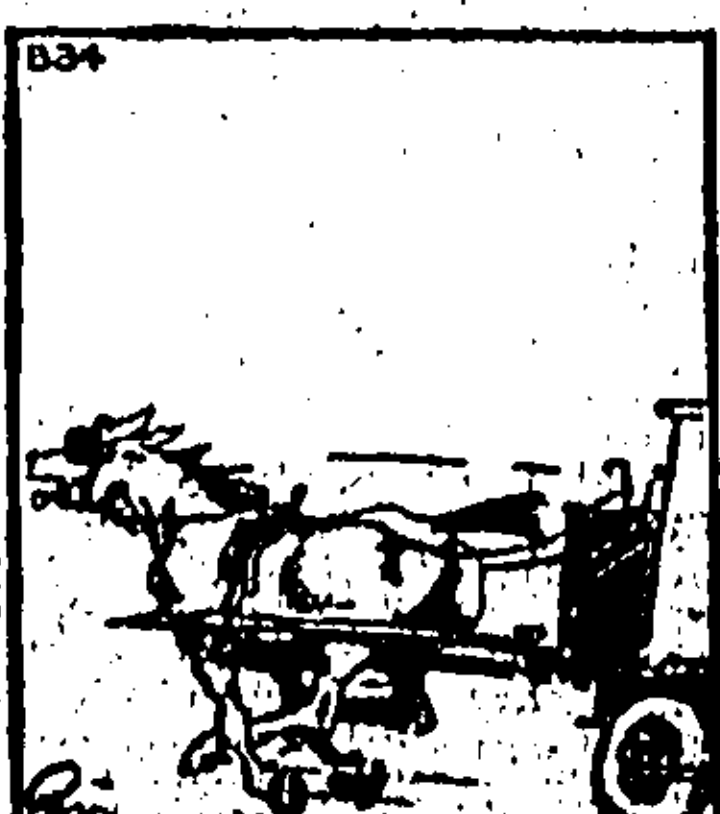
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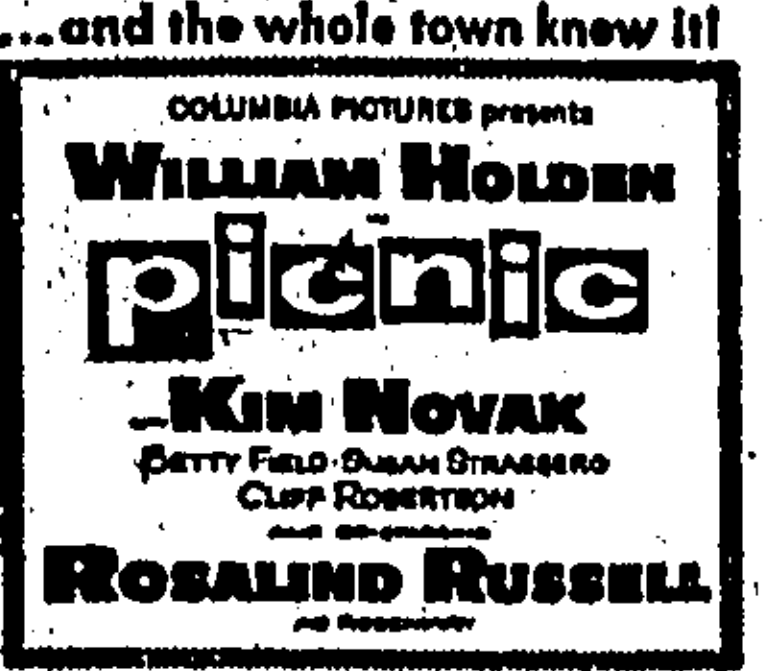
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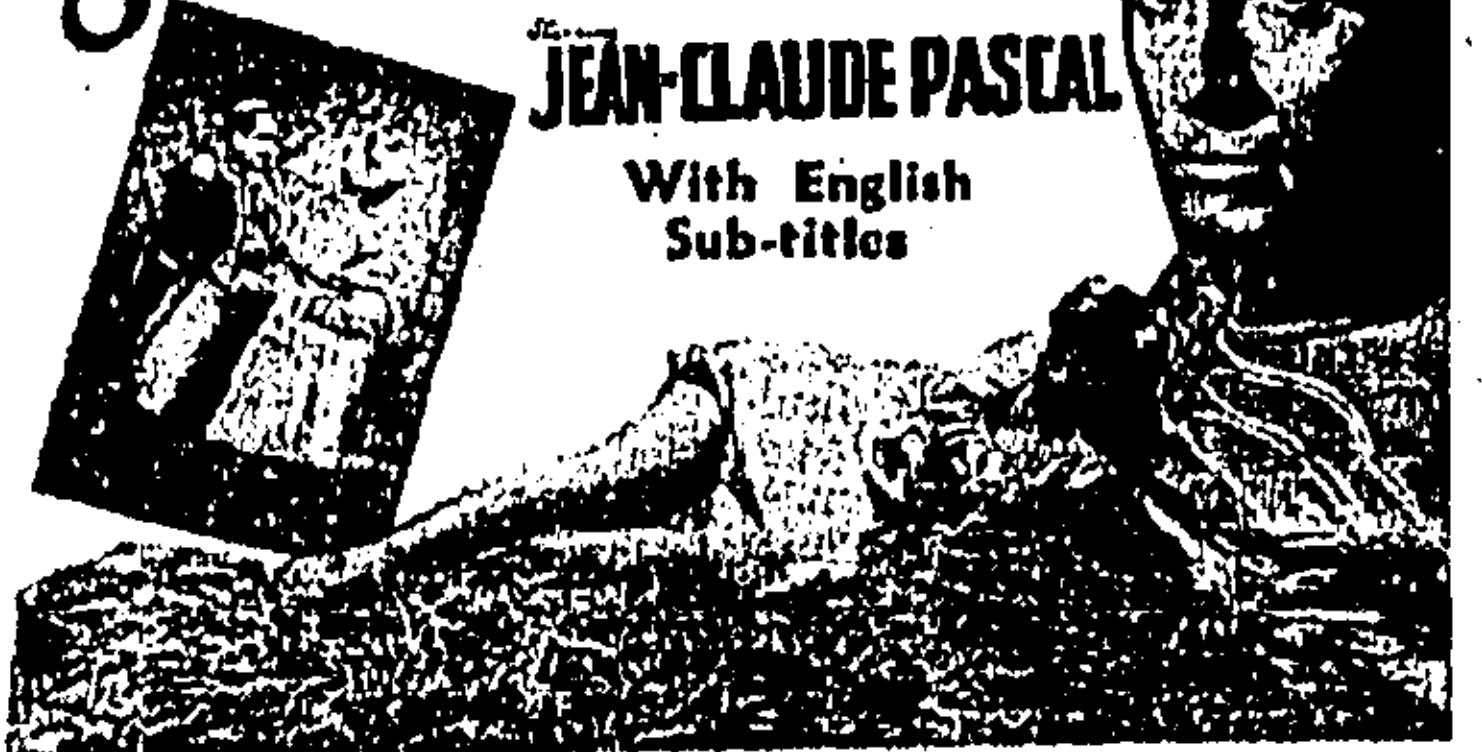
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# French Step Up Drive Against

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# Atomic Research Centre In Manila

By Ross Mark

Washington, Mar. 13. The United States and the Philippines have reached agreement on building an Asian atomic research centre in Manila, informed sources told Reuter today.

The United States originally offered to build such a centre at the Colombo Plan meeting in Singapore last October.

The offer brought several applications from nations which wanted the centre situated in their territory, among which were Ceylon, Pakistan, Japan and the Philippines.

## Declined Comment

The final selection of a site caused an intra-Administration fight here in Washington between those officials who thought the centre should be established in Manila—capital of the United States' long-time ally—and those who preferred Colombo, capital of more non-aligned Ceylon.

Although United States officials declined comment, informed diplomatic sources said that decision in favour of Manila rested heavily on what Washington thought was a better educational base there.

Washington felt, according to these diplomatic informants, that Ceylon was lagging behind some other Asian nations in its efforts to train the technicians without which the centre could not function efficiently on an all-Asia basis.

## Asians Take Over

The United States wanted to push ahead with the project early in 1956 but delay in agreement on the site has caused the loss of many months in starting on the facility.

The United States will supply technicians and scientists as needed in the early stages but wants the Asian members of the Colombo Plan to take over all operations as rapidly as possible.—Reuter.

# US CHINESE PROTEST TO IKE

New York, Mar. 12.

The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Society of New York protested to President Eisenhower, the Department of Justice and top Government officials today the "blanket summoning" of Chinese organizations in San Francisco by a grand jury investigating illegal entry of Chinese into the United States.

Shing-ai Liang, president of the New York group which represents 60 Chinese-American civic, cultural and family associations here, said he had sent identical telegrams to the President, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and leaders of the House and Senate.

"The Chinese community of New York is deeply concerned over reports that 20 Chinese-American civic organizations in San Francisco, including the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association here, have been summarily summoned for hearing before a special grand jury investigating alleged illegal entry of Chinese nationals into the United States," the telegram said.

## 'UNNECESSARY'

"Blanket summoning of law-abiding civic organizations is considered both unnecessary and unjust," the telegram said.

"Law-abiding Chinese here and in other cities are disturbed over short-notice, discriminatory and sweeping summonses which are interrupting normal commerce, community well-being and lawful activities of individuals."

Liang said he had a reply from Senator William F. Knowland, a California and Republican minority leader of the Senate, saying he had "requested information from responsible officials in Washington" regarding the protest and "will be in contact with you upon receipt of report."—United Press.

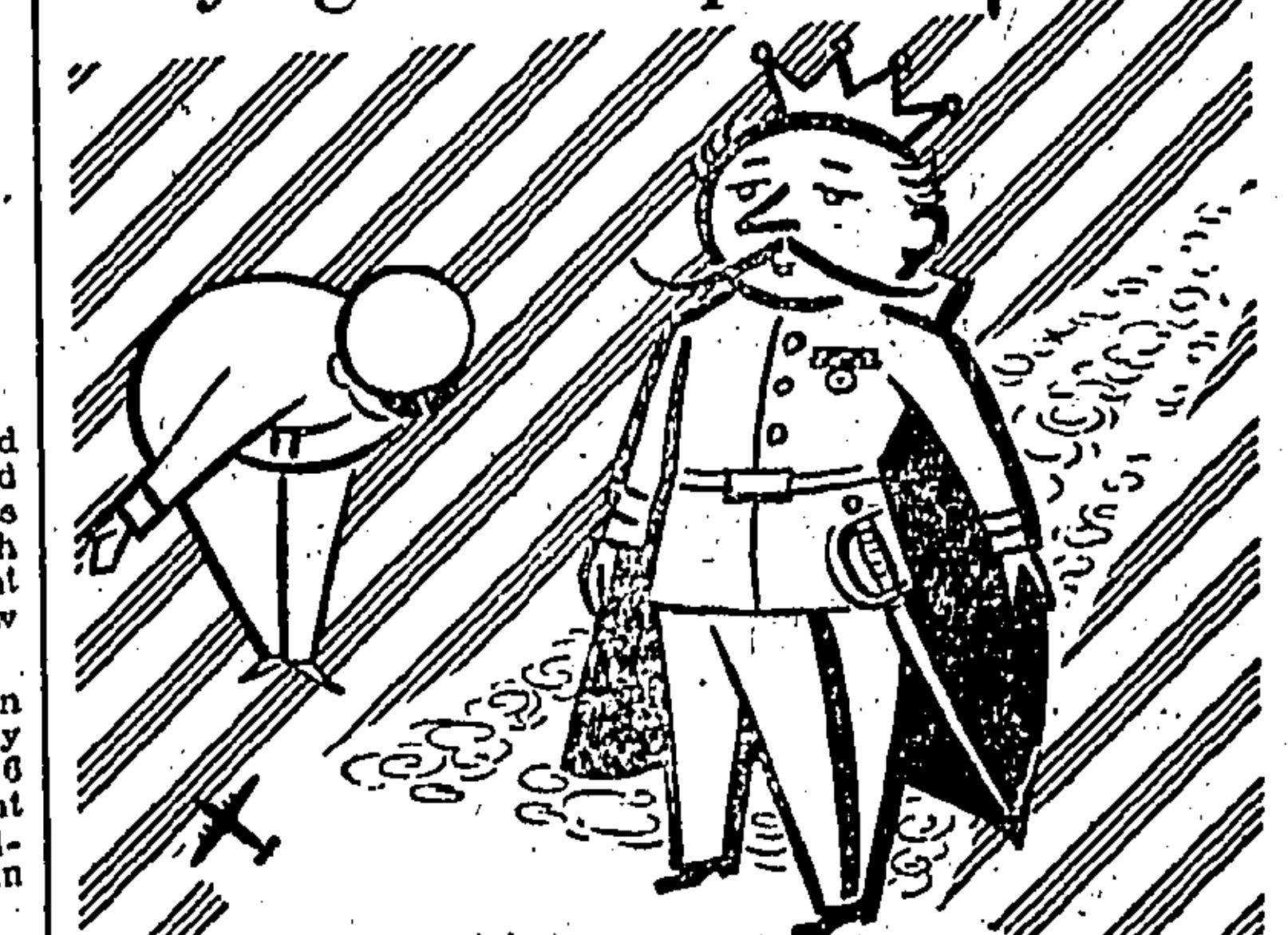
# Dutch Envoy Recalled

The Hague, Mar. 12. Count van Bylandt, the Netherlands High Commissioner in Djakarta has been recalled to Holland "for consultations," it was announced officially here today.

No further explanation for the High Commissioner's recall was given, but observers here said problems presented by the recent developments in relations between Holland and Indonesia would be sufficient reason for direct talks with the Dutch representative in Indonesia.—Reuter.

—France-Press.

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# Rebels

## OVER 25 KILLED IN ALGERIAN HILL CLASHES

Algiers, Mar. 12.

Fifteen rebels were today reported killed by French forces in Algeria as new army reinforcements and supplies arrived from France to intensify the drive to put down the 17-month-old uprising.

Nine rebels were killed and 26 captured in a fierce engagement near Ain el Guellaa after reconnaissance aircraft spotted a rebel column moving across the hills.

A French mobile patrol also killed some outlaws in a clash in the darkness near Sank el Had.

Eight hundred French soldiers disembarked at Bone in Eastern Algeria today to reinforce garrisons in the region.—Reuter.

## MOROCCAN LEADER AGAINST SETTLEMENT

Madrid, Mar. 12.

Moroccan Independence Party leader Alai El Fassi declared tonight his followers would never accept the Franco-Moroccan settlement.

El Fassi said his Istiqlal Party will settle only for "complete independence."

France and Morocco last week negotiated an independence agreement with interdependence.

"Spain, France, and Morocco must be three sovereign, completely independent nations," El Fassi said in an interview with the United Press.

## New Trouble

The nationalist leader's statement could spell new trouble for France in her drawn-out battle with North African rebels. French Premier Guy Mollet tonight received overwhelming approval from the French Assembly to go all out to quell the blood North African revolt.

El Fassi's statement constituted an indirect warning to Spain as well. The Spanish Government has invited Sultan Mohammed ben Youssef of Morocco to an independence talks, but is not considered likely to offer Arab nationalists more than they got from France.

El Fassi said that Spain had always recognized the Moroccan right of unity and that the Spanish Zone must be considered as part of the national territory.

He said he regarded the negotiation between the Sultan and Spanish leaders as a "formality" toward achieving this end.

El Fassi said that the fight for independence was not an end in itself. He said the Istiqlal Party wanted complete independence to build Morocco into a powerful nation.

"We want to deal with France as an equal and sovereign nation," El Fassi said.

He said that there are two Istiqlal representatives on the joint Franco-Moroccan committee which will discuss the protocol for working out the future relations between the two countries. The Istiqlal point of view was that this joint committee has to establish a completely free Morocco with "no strings attached."

## Resignation

Mehdi ben Barka, another important executive of the Istiqlal Party, was in the house of El Fassi at the time of the interview.

He had just arrived from Tangier, where he saw Abdus Salam, head of the National Reformist Party who recently resigned his post of Minister of Social Activities in the Culpis Government.

The last time that El Fassi and other Istiqlal leaders held an important conference in Madrid was last December.—United Press.

# Middlesex Soldiers Give Blood

Nicosia, Mar. 12.

Two British soldiers of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment—first unit of the Hongkong Regiment—answered a call for blood last week to save a Cypriot Greek patient suffering from an acute gastric complaint, it was revealed.

The patient, Mr George Miltades, 47, is in the La-naca hospital, south Cyprus.

The matron telephoned the police with an SOS for blood, as none of the required blood group was available.

The SOS was flashed to the Alma military camp at Dhekelia, eight miles away, where the Middlesex men are stationed.

Private Sidney Eric Tree, of London S.E. 15, and Private Herbert Alfred Gaffney of London N. 19 at once volunteered.

The patient's condition after the transfusion was stated to be much better.—China Mail Special.

# Speed-Up For Seamstresses

Prague, Mar. 12. Seamstresses in Czechoslovakia are preparing for a speed-up with a new sewing machine which, according to Ceteka, news agency, makes 5,000 stitches a minute.

The agency said that the new machine is already in production and supersedes existing models which sew a mere 1,200 stitches a minute.—China Mail Special.

Kunio Lumpur, Mar. 12. Chinese physicians and medicine dealers today asked the Chief Minister of Malaya, Tengku Abdul Rahman, to exempt Chinese medicines from import duty.

They urged him to bring the matter before the Federal Legislative Council.—Reuter.



The freeze-up which covered most of the European continent has now turned in many places to floods, particularly in Holland. This Dutch village of IJeren can only be reached by boats, owing to the overflow of the river Meuse.—Express Photo.

# STALIN'S PICTURES DISAPPEAR



Moscow, Mar. 2. Russia's largest picture gallery has suddenly put away every picture of the late Premier Josef Stalin.

An elderly woman guide at the famous Tsyntakov Gallery here explained, with some embarrassment, to a nine-man delegation of American churchmen, "There were some before but not now."

There were many pictures of Lenin, the churchmen told a press conference. Asked why, they quoted their guide as saying: "We like Lenin better."

## BUST REMAINS

Whereas formerly the gallery had altogether at least 25 portraits of the deceased Soviet leader on view, the churchmen said today that the only sign of Stalin remaining was a bust of the late leader which appears in the background of a painting of a wounded soldier.

Western observers said the removal of Stalin's portraits may be the beginning of a movement to remove all pictures and statues of the late Premier throughout the Soviet Union.

They said these pictures and statues may be considered as symbolizing the "cult of the individual" which has been heavily attacked at the recent Communist Party Congress.

Along with pictures of Lenin were others of dead Russian leaders, like Andrei Zhdanov.

## PEOPLE'S ARTIST

Observers noted other signs of decreasing emphasis on Stalin. The bust of Stalin at the Moscow Conservatory was removed recently.

Soviet pianist Gilels was introduced as a "people's artist" at a concert Friday night. He used to be introduced as a "Stalin laureate." The pianist also needed to wear his Stalin Prize Medal.—United Press.

# Hope For Blind Woman

Milan, Mar. 12. A blind young Italian woman, Marianna Zappi, was given hope today of restored vision after surgeons in Milan grafted the cornea of a dead man onto her formerly sightless eyes.

The donor of the eyes, 75-year-old Giovanni Fagat, a member of the "League Against Blindness" had died five hours earlier from a heart attack. The delicate operation was performed by Dr. Emilio Averardo, chief surgeon of the Milan Hospital and founding President of the "League Against Blindness."—France-Press.

# JUDGE CAUSES UPROAR Other 'Leaks' Alleged During Trial

Paris, Mar. 12. The civilian presiding judge of the military tribunal which is trying four defendants for allegedly leaking French national defence secrets today created a sensation on the fifth day of the trial by implying other defendants should have been named.

The judge, M. Niveau De Villedary, listened to charges by several defendants and their lawyers that there had been "other leaks" besides those named in the present indictment.

Then, when Rene Turpin, one of the four, who was an assistant to Jean Mons, Secretary-General of the National Defence Committee, also a defendant, declared, "The most important leaks had another source," the judge broke in and said: "You are right. This trial shows it. We have only four men in the dock, but it's quite clear..."

He said that when an investigation was ordered into the leaks, police and military inquiries were going on separately and independently of each other.

Mons said he had been advised by Mendes-France of leaks on June 28, and made a report. He deplored the "continual changes of personnel" and said he had four different assistants in four years.

The trial goes on tomorrow when Minister of Justice Francois Mitterand will testify. —France-Press.

# BALLOON PROJECT STOPPED Swedes Protest

Washington, Mar. 12. The United States today told Sweden in a note that it had stopped launching balloons which might pass over Swedish territory and said it hoped that Sweden's "concern" had now been met.

The note, handed over in Stockholm today, was in reply to a Swedish note of March 6 objecting to the alleged flight over Sweden of weather balloons described as of American origin.

A State Department summary of today's note said: "The United States' reply referred to the weather balloon project announced in Washington on January 8, 1956 which included the establishment of research stations in Europe with the cooperation of other governments."

"The United States Government mentioned that since early February no balloons had been launched which might pass over Swedish territory.—Reuter.

Andre Baranes, a journalist and the fourth defendant, angrily charged also: "This trial is incoherently political." He said he had hidden certain facts during his questioning at the request of ex-D.S.T. chief Roger Wybot, "If I muddled things up a bit," he said, "it was because I respected the fall of the Mendes-France government."

Turpin said he had never transmitted any purely military information to Labrousse. Labrousse said that one of the Baranes reports on the divisions sent to Indo-China appeared in the New York Times of July 9, although no French newspaper had published the news.

"When Mons testified today, the presiding judge said, 'You are only accused of indiscretion. Everybody who knows you has paid tribute to your loyalty.'"

## Inquiries

Mons said that his job was a delicate one and he often had to straighten out military-civilian conflicts. He said, "Eight out of ten of his documents were secret" but a great many more knew them. He said all had been cleared for security, including Labrousse and Turpin.

# ERUPTIONS ON SUN

Vienna, Mar. 12. Scientists at the sun observatory on the peak of the Kanzel Mountain, near Villach reported today that they had observed powerful eruptions on the sun. They said these were similar to those noticed in February this year which had led, through an increase in cosmic rays, to the partial interruption of radio communications over a widespread area.

Today also they had noticed powerful interruptions in radio reception, they reported.—Reuter.

# 14,000 Miles In Search Of Cooks

London, Mar. 12. INTO London has come a man who has travelled nearly 14,000 miles to look for cooks.

He is Melbourne Hotelier Tom Carlyon and he wants them for the Olympic Games to be held in Australia at the end of this year.

They will earn at least £18 a week cooking for the 6,500 competitors and officials from all over the world who will be housed in the Olympic Village.

During the few days he will be in Britain, Mr Carlyon hopes to sign on between 10 and 50 "All interview as many as I can in an hour," he told a press conference here.

About 130 "potentials" have been sifted out of the 450 Britons who applied when they knew Mr Carlyon was coming to Britain.

All those selected will be immigrants and jobs and accommodation will be found for them after the games.

## 40 In Rome

Mr Carlyon is catering representative of the organising committee of the Games and he arrived here from Rome where he signed up 40 cooks.

From London he goes to Amsterdam and other Continental cities.

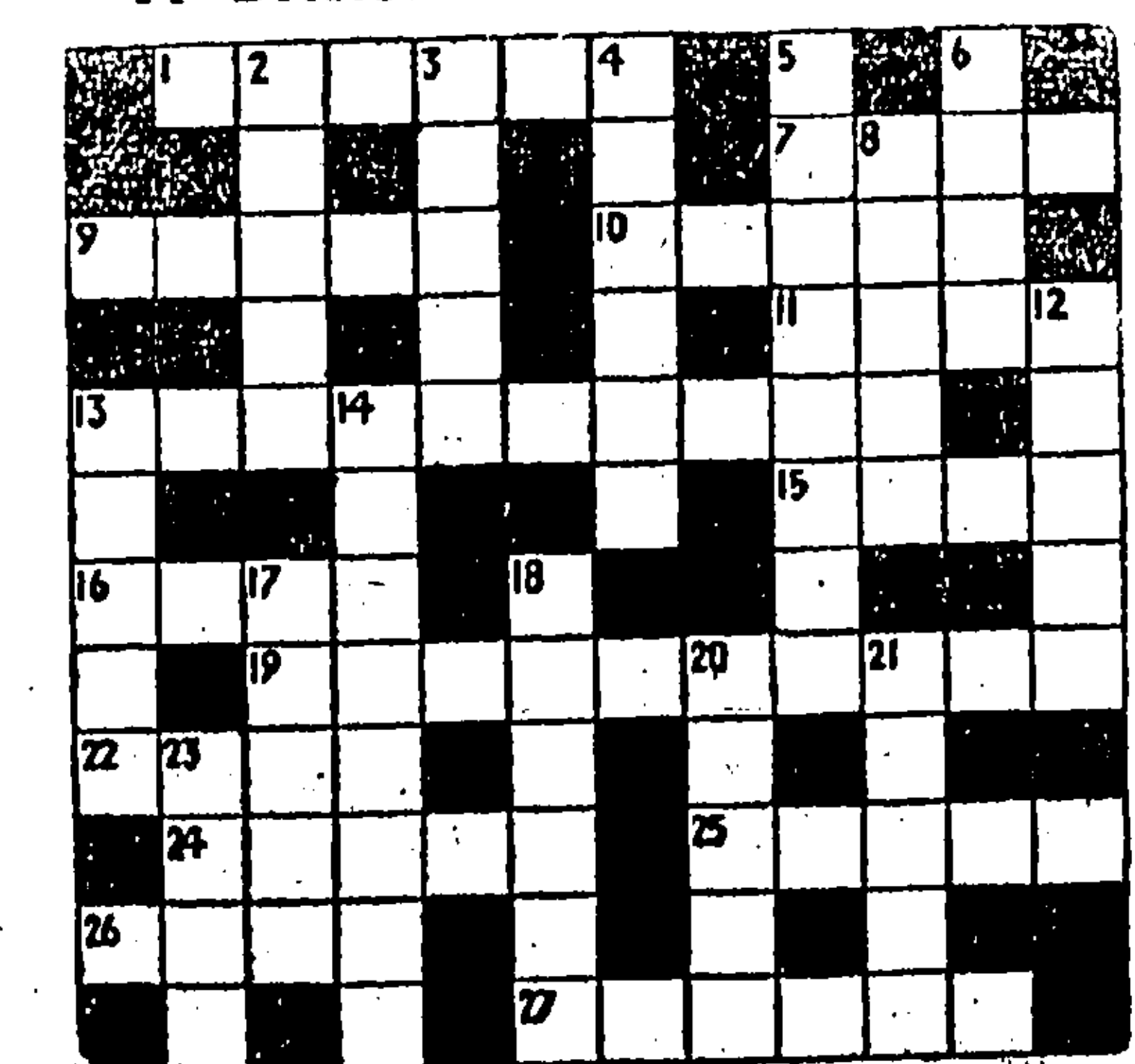
The organisers are making preparations to cater for every country with its own particular kind of food, Mr Carlyon said.

Even caviare, he added, will be available for the Soviet team.

"Countries can bring their own 'cooks,'" he continued, "and we have asked the Russians what their arrangements are. 'So far we have not had a reply.'"

Why has Mr Carlyon come so far to search for cooks? "There is a shortage in Australia," he said.—China Mail Special.

# A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Across confidently (6).
  - 2 Dowdy person (6).
  - 3 Snow hut (6).
  - 4 Fruit (6).
  - 5 Counterfeit (6).
  - 6 Circle (4).
  - 7 Unlikely (10).
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**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across:** 1 Corals, 4 Asked, 7 Neared, 8 Trail, 10 Rip, 12 Matador, 15 Envoy, 16 Mero, 17 Slat, 18 Dopey, 20 Torment, 21 Rest, 23 Stray, 24 Banter, 25 Cross, 26 Candid. **Down:** 1 Contrast, 2 Reappear, 3 Sleep, 5 Strainer, 6 Editor, 9 Mayor, 11 Entrance, 12 Model, 13 Dejected, 14 Restored, 15 Letter, 22 Lays.



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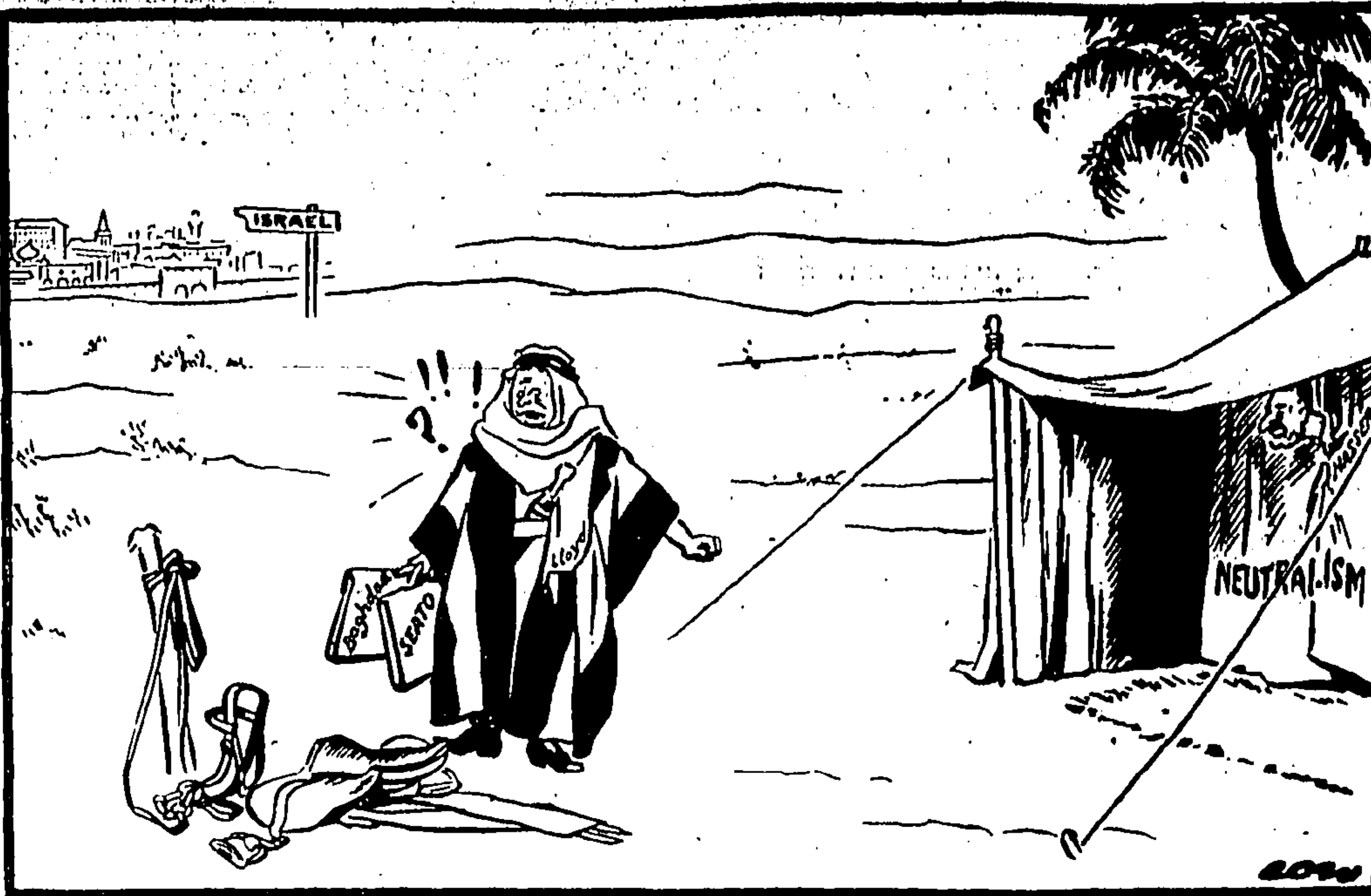
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## The Extraordinary Background To Glubb's Dismissal

# A BABY GIRL CAUSES A POLITICAL DRAMA

By SEFTON DELMER

OF all the coups and putches I have covered, the one by which 21-year-old, jet-flying King Hussein of Jordan has sacked his veteran British adviser, General Richard Bagehot Glubb, is far and away the most extraordinary.

And, who knows, it may prove to be the most important too.

1. I say extraordinary for: Behind it is a baby girl not yet a month old.

2. The people who are acclaiming the coup wildly as a great victory for their cause—I mean that anti-British "Dilettante" Nasser of Egypt, Saudi Arabia's prime minister, Yusuf Yassin, and Moscow's Nikita Khrushchev—are likely to discover shortly it is really a defeat for them; and

3. The British Foreign Office, whose Middle Eastern intelligence service has once more been taken completely by surprise, may wake up to find that this shattering setback is quite a good thing in disguise.

How does the baby girl come into this political drama? Through the bazaars, mosques and refugee camps, where what goes for Arab public opinion is made. When Hussein's Queen Dina gave birth to a princess instead of a prince on February 12, public jubilation quickly gave way to a wave of whispers and fears. The King was compared to Farouk and the Shah of Persia, who have also only had girls from their wives and no male child as the primitive tribesmen expect from their chiefs.

The bazaar comment, scudously relayed to the young King, fertilised the ground in the young King's mind for a far more serious campaign—the campaign against Glubb. For most in waging it were young Arab Legion officers who serve the King as ADCs. Like many other ambitious young legionaries, they were resentful of the slowness of promotion, which they attributed to Glubb's anxiety to keep the plum jobs for British officers.

### Wounded Ego

CHIEF among these young officer advisers was the King's senior ADC, young Lieutenant Colonel Ali Abu Nawar, who as a result of the coup, has been upped to command a brigade in place of the British Brigadier General. Despite the fact he has so far not even commanded a battalion, Abu Nawar and others played on the King's wounded ego and pointed out to him how, throughout the Arab world, and the rest of the world, too, for that, Glubb Pasha was held to be the real ruler of Jordan and the King his stooge.

Justifiably—that the powerful presence of Glubb and the legend about him made it impossible for them to represent any decision of the Jordan Government, a free decision prompted only by motives of Jordan self-interest.

A particularly influential advocate of this argument was Hazza el Majalli, the Jordan Premier, who wanted Jordan to enter the Baghdad Pact and had to resign in deference to the storm of protest.

### Final Straws

"THIS Glubb myth," he told the King, "is so widely believed among our own people and our Arab neighbours that Glubb's presence is, in fact, robbing us of our freedom of decision. Something should be done."

The final straws were two British magazine articles praising Glubb as the ruler of Jordan. The young King made up his mind to act.

On February 29 Glubb Pasha drove up to the palace in his elegant white Chrysler for a routine call and a chat with the King. It was no different from any of the other friendly conversations Glubb had had with the King since that day in 1953 when I saw him kiss his young master with all the deference of a trusted family retainer.

When Hussein arrived post-haste from Britain to take the place of his sick father, I am assured on the best of authority, in the numerous talks of the recriminations of the King over Jordan's allegedly precarious lack of munitions, of face-slapping and the like.

Both the King and Glubb were smiling and the best of friends when the "Pasha" left.

But, on Thursday, the King ordered two Anson Dove aircraft to stand by on Amman airfield from 12 o'clock. At noon precisely he called in person on the Premier and laid on his desk a piece of paper. It was the order, signed with the King's own hand, commanding the Premier to dismiss Glubb and send him out of the country.

Before carrying out the King's order, the Premier summoned the British Ambassador, Charles Duke. And in telling the Ambassador of Glubb's dismissal, the Premier gave every impression of being quite as surprised and taken aback as the Ambassador himself.

Glubb himself was utterly astounded, too, when told of the order by the Premier an hour later.

"You are to leave immediately," His Majesty says," the Premier told him. "Within two hours. Please are standing by."

"But that is impossible," said Glubb. "I must have time to pack."

They compromised on seven the following morning.

No reason was given for the order, no explanation. Glubb requested an audience with the King—the King whose father he has demonstrated his independence by this startlingly rude gesture against his family's trusted adviser. Before a secret session of the Jordan Parliament a fortnight ago, he testified his belief that Jordan should join the Baghdad Pact of alliance which is anathema to the Egyptians, Saudis and Russians.

Brigadier Hutton and Sir Richard Coghill were relieved of their posts but asked to stay on and help with the handover. Eight British officers commanding the units were transferred to office jobs.

Tubby, ex-Sandhurst and St. John's College, Major Emil Djanal, who used to help British Major Friend with public relations work, was retired from the Army—possibly for his share in publicising the greatness of Glubb and the devotion and loyalty to him of the Legion.

So were two other officers who had incurred the hostility of the palace officers and their friends. And, no doubt, as always happens on these occasions, there will be further changes as the revolution gets going.

No, at the time being, the revolution is under the command of the young King. And that is why despite all the threatening

Baghdad Pact

Just "failed us"—he did not put it any worse than that. But the MPs saw the point. And these men, who only a couple of months ago turned down the Baghdad Pact as treason, wildly cheered the King in his advocacy of it.

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### Secret Speech

"I WANTED Jordan to join the Pact," the King said, "because it would give us arms and money. Also, I wanted it because it was going to help me speed up the replacement of British officers in the Legion by Jordan officers. Unfortunately, the time chosen for General Templer's visit was inopportune. Also our allies of the Arab League failed us on this occasion."

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## THE PSYCHIATRIST LOOKS OVER THE JAZZ CLUBS

By W. T. FOSTER

London. year-old Maureen Cope, from Sidcup, Kent.

A said little thing in a tight-fitting man's sweater, a gaily coloured man's kerchief knotted round her throat. She blinked at me through smudges of mascara.

Maureen is a shop assistant with cheap digs in the Cromwell Road, Kensington. Sometimes she goes home for the weekend. More often she doesn't.

For it's on Saturday and Sunday night that the "cats" go to town. In other words, the jam sessions are even jammer. Every week Maureen spends between 30s. and 22 on dancing sprees.

"I used to live at home," she told me. "It didn't work out. Why? Because Mum and Dad didn't like jazz records."

She could watch TV. But it bored her. She could go to the pictures. But they lacked something. What was the worst?

"Mass neurosis," he explained. "These teenagers are not happy at home. They probably suffer from strain. They come here to work it off."

"It is a good form of social contact. But it is the only one they have. They should be encouraged."

I thought back to the first girl I'd talked to that night—16-

wasn't. A tall, dark youth in Teddy Boy rig yanked her out on the floor.

There was no can-I-have-the-pleasure. The fact is—there's very little pleasure about the teenage jivers. Don't believe those stories of orgies and debauchery.

From time to time I caught a glimpse of Maureen. Her partner held her at arm's length. His stare was riveted on the bandstand. Maureen twirled round on her own, oblivious, almost lonely.

I talked to shorthand typist Brenda Scott, aged 17. Like 80 percent of the teenage jive fiends, she had come for the music only.

"I can't explain what I like about jazz," she told me. "But it's sort of warm and comforting. You know."

I didn't know. But I guessed. She could watch TV. But it bored her. She could go to the pictures. But they lacked something. What was the worst?

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## BRITAIN TODAY:

# The Army Gets Rid Of Bull

By Yorke Henderson

London. THE very barrack-room word "bull" was banded around the House of Commons last week. To anyone who had over done a spell with Her Majesty's armed forces this inelegant bit of military slang needed no definition.

As nearly as it can be defined in plain and white it means excessive spit and polish and the mental attitude that goes with it.

What was concerning the honourable members on both sides of the House was that there appeared to be just a bit too much "bull" in Britain's nuclear age army.

They heard of examples such as the blinding of the soles of boots, the frequent inspections and other traditional customs which "did not make sense, caused irritation and discouraged national servicemen."

Old army hands could have told them that these examples were very small beer indeed. What about the units, for instance, which do not only black the soles of your boots, but polish the metal studs as well and burnish and buff—cyclets with brass polish? Or where you polish—yes, polish—your bed springs?

The general impression given in the House was that "bull" was a bad thing. And Secretary of State for War Anthony Head triumphantly told a happy House that an Army Council order had gone out saying "cut down on bull" will cause gloom and despondency in sergeants' messes throughout the army goes without saying. But what no one in Parliament seemed to discern was that the ordinary soldier takes a perverse pride in the amount of "bull" employed in his particular unit.

In company with men from other regiments or services he boasts of his own unit's tradition of "bull." If he is summoned to a court martial he is clearly discontented, not pithy, but envious.

But what is much more deplorable is that, with a stroke of the pen, the Secretary of State for War has deprived the private soldier of something to grieve about.

TRY AGAIN, NYE. BRITAIN'S most controversial political figure, Aneurin "Nye" Bevan, is making another bid for power in the nation's Labour party.

The fiery Welshman, who commands the loyalty of the left wing of the party, once more has his eye on the coveted party treasurer's post.

At present the post is held by leader of the party, Hugh Gaitskell. But he has twice beaten Bevan to it. But he will not continue to hold it after the next party conference. And no pundits are already forecasting that Bevan's chances of taking over the job will be vastly improved without Gaitskell's competition.

Why is Bevan so set on the Treasurer's post? It's not a particularly important post; not even an acknowledged springboard to greater things.

THE British are great lovers of old things. Old houses, old customs and old motor cars.

The drivers of other nations might like to change their cars frequently, might prefer the drawing-room comfort of the latest models.

Britons, however, have a tendency to remain faithful to the elderly automobile which has probably been serving them and their families for years.

These old cars are more than just inanimate transporters. They acquire domestic status. As often as not are referred to by some pet name. Some enthusiasts are even known to talk to their automobiles as they might to a faithful horse.

Veteran and vintage car clubs flourish in Britain, and high prices are still paid for antiquated vehicles that in other countries would have been junk by this time.

Now the British Government has struck at the hearts of a large percentage of the nation's car-owners.

It was announced that, subject to Parliamentary approval—and there seemed to be little sign of this being withheld—cars more than ten years old would have to be subjected to safety tests.

It was not that anyone felt that safety checks were not desirable. What caused the hurt was the implication that these faithful old machines were anything other than absolutely trustworthy.

It was like sniffing at the breath of a trusted family servant to see if she had been at the port bottle.

And adding insult to injury came the forecast that owners of old cars would have to pay for the indignity of having their beloved vehicle probed.

It's not that Bevan wants a place on the party's National Executive. That he could get easily enough if he were prepared to have himself elected by the constituency labour parties with whom he is still much of a hero.

What Bevan obviously wants to demonstrate is that his personal standing is such that he has the backing of the constituencies and the much more powerful trade unions who do their share of the electing by block vote.

With constituencies and unions behind him, Bevan's chances of taking over the ultimately command of the Labour party would be, to say the least, good.

### TWO-EDGED WEAPON

"WORKING to rule" is a fairly recent phenomenon in Britain. It was produced with a flourish by certain trade unions as the weapon to be used when the strike as such was not justified.

Like the hydrogen bomb it was regarded as an unanswerable weapon. After all, it was reasoned, no one can legitimately complain if a worker does precisely what he is paid to do and not one jot more.

To left wing transport ticket collectors on the railways "worked to rule" they would make a great show of carefully inspecting each proffered ticket and then stamp or punch it with a great show of care on precisely the spot laid down by rules and regulations.

No employment, you see, of the skill and short-cuts which experience of a job breeds. And the resultant slow-up at rush hours would be chaotic.

Experience of "working to rule" up to now has justified the enthusiasm of its advocates. But last week the London Typographical Society and the Association of Correctors of the Press discovered that "working to rule" is not so unassailable as was fondly thought.

They tried it against printers' employers over a wage claim. And the employers, instead of surrendering, dismissed the rule-breakers until they agreed to do contractual day's work again.

They also had to give notice to quit to other printing workers because of the disruption of smooth and economical working. The "rule-workers," however, were adamant.

The result: Between thirty and forty thousand workers in London printing offices out of jobs because of a dispute to which they were not even parties.

Meanwhile, the makeshifts to which publishers resorted to get out affected periodicals were often startling.

The normally magazine-style Radio Times, which goes into most British homes where there is a radio, was printed in France and issued with apologies to the BBC—looking like an ordinary full-page newspaper.

But 100 other magazines and periodicals had to suspend publication altogether.

### INSULT AND INJURY:

THE British are great lovers of old things. Old houses, old customs and old motor cars.

The drivers of other nations might like to change their cars frequently, might prefer the drawing-room comfort of the latest models.

Britons, however, have a tendency to remain faithful to the elderly automobile which has probably been serving them and their families for years.

These old cars are more than just inanimate transporters. They acquire domestic status. As often as not are referred to by some pet name. Some enthusiasts are even known to talk to their automobiles as they might to a faithful horse.

Veteran and vintage car clubs flourish in Britain, and high prices are still paid for antiquated vehicles that in other countries would have been junk by this time.

Now the British Government has struck at the hearts of a large percentage of the nation's car-owners.

It was announced that, subject to Parliamentary approval—and there seemed to be little sign of this being withheld—cars more than ten years old would have to be subjected to safety tests.

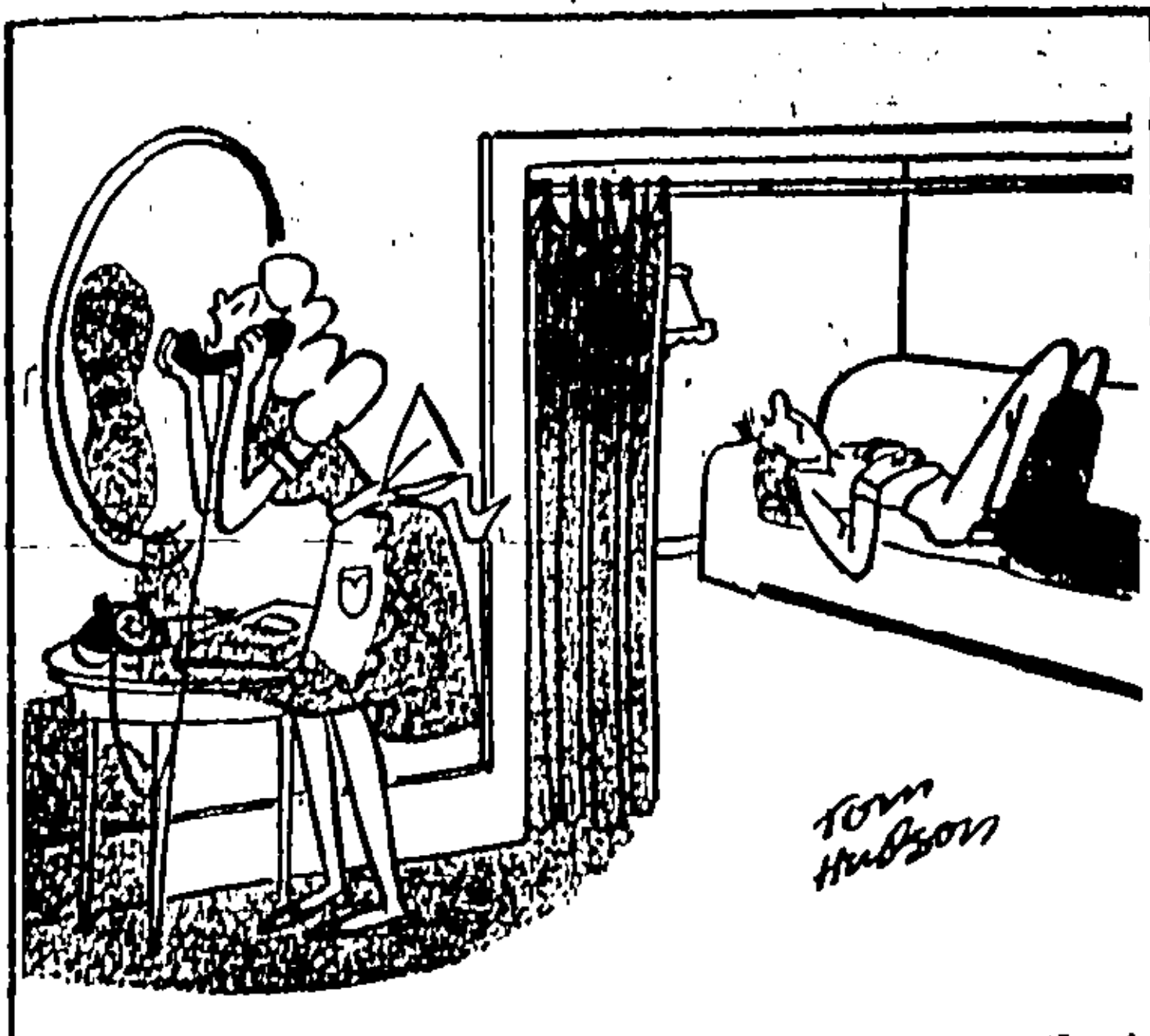
It was not that anyone felt that safety checks were not desirable. What caused the hurt was the implication that these faithful old machines were anything other than absolutely trustworthy.

It was like sniffing at the breath of a trusted family servant to see if she had been at the port bottle.

And adding insult to injury came the forecast that owners of old cars would have to pay for the indignity of having their beloved vehicle probed.



## This Funny World



"Mama, quick, what was it you used to give father after he'd eaten that goulash you gave me the recipe for?"

## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

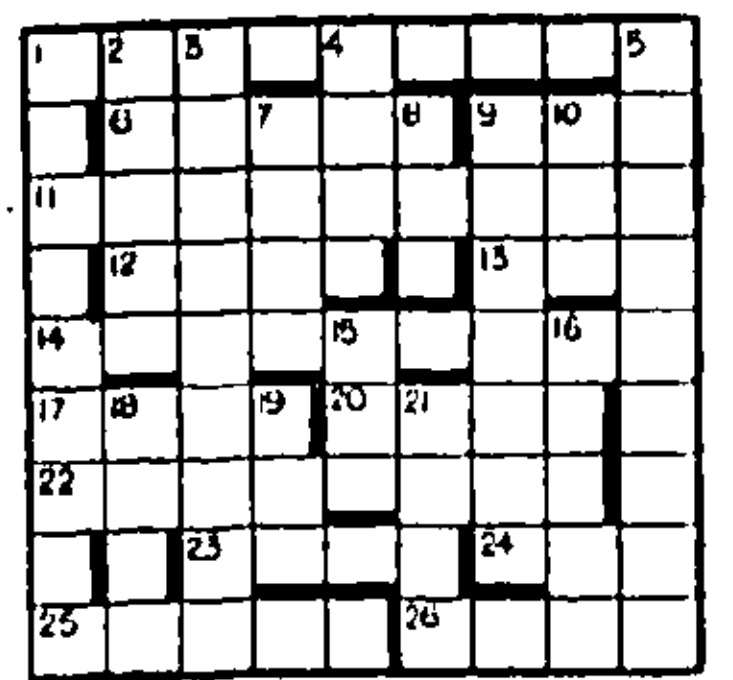
"TELL me in your own words," said the magistrate, "why you rode the bicycle backwards into the house?" "I said I had her," answered the man. "So I tried to ride her home."

"And did that break it?" asked the magistrate. "In a way," said the man. "She got hysterical, and her mother ran at me and fell over the cat, and I got my leg caught in the rear wheel, and the bike fell over on to her father and woke him up, and he shouted, 'Ada! There's a robber! Get the police!' And two women dashed in from next door and said I was stealing the bicycle, and I couldn't get my leg clear of that wheel, and I said to the girl, 'I hope you aren't bored any more, and she went on screaming until a dog came in and bit one of the women from next door.' 'Is that all?' asked the magistrate. 'Well, it's all I can think of for the moment,' said the man.

## A near thing

O A telephoto infra-ray photograph of the star Abracadabra, which, at March 15 will come to within 378,481,934 miles of the earth, the nearest

## CROSSWORD

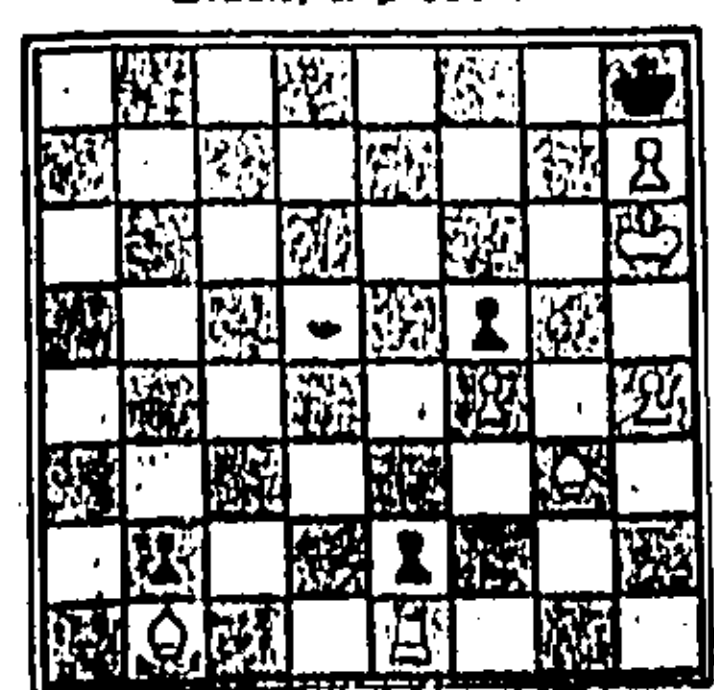


1. The semi-precious stone makes an adventure book (4-5)  
2. Circumlocution sometimes is this (3-4)  
3. Mineral waters said here, (3)  
4. Is this too crummy for a reel, newsy letter? (4-5)  
5. House differently (4)  
6. Disappears when you stand up (3)  
7. Partner for chips, (5, 4)  
8. He flatters with Othello (4)  
9. Measure for oil-taxes (4)  
10. He is in charge of the train (8)  
11. Otherwise (4)  
12. Behind the Bishop's land (3)  
13. A game with points (5)  
14. Clothes for no-woods? (4)

- Down:  
1. Things here are liable to go off with a bang (4-5)  
2. Sanctity is said to have it (6)  
3. This may keep you over-turning as you paddle along (5-6)  
4. Up in the ship (4)  
5. Fear shone, (anag.) (3-4)  
6. Eugene in short, seems ought to have the R.A.P. knowledge (4)  
7. Colonel Bogey does this kind of score regularly (3)  
8. Slices—but the order for quiet gets in (7)  
9. This is a navy for (4)  
10. A nautical word (4)  
11. Herd are about (7)  
12. Lady linker (4)  
13. The King of the (4)  
14. It's black (4)  
15. Friend in this double value (4)  
16. Yesterday's solution.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By H. FAUST  
Black, 4 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.  
White to play; mate in three.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Castles, any; 2. Q, R (dbl ch); 3. B, or P (dbl ch) mates.

## • JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Repeat Finesse Would Be Costly

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you take a finesse successfully, your natural tendency is to repeat it. This is usually a good idea, but today's hand shows an exception to the rule.

Declarer won the first trick with dummy's king of spades and drew three rounds of trumps. He then led a low club from his hand and finessed dummy's nine.

The original idea was to avoid losing a trick to the jack of clubs. South rejected for a moment when East had to win this trick with the king of clubs. The club finesse obviously had succeeded.

South's rejoicing was short lived. East returned a low diamond, and West's king forced out dummy's ace. South couldn't

NORTH (D) 13	
♠ A K J 3	
♥ 7 4	
♦ A J 5 3	
♣ Q 9 1	
WEST EAST	
♠ 8 7 6	♠ Q 10 9 2
♥ 10 8 6	♥ 9 5 3
♦ K 8 6 2	♦ Q 10 8 4
♣ A J 0	♣ K 3
SOUTH	
♠ 5 4	
♥ A K Q J 2	
♦ 7	
♣ 10 8 7 3 2	
North-South vul.	
1 ♠ Pass	2 ♥ Pass
3 ♦ Pass	4 ♣ Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 8	

afford to ruff a diamond in order to lead another club towards dummy. West would put up the ace of clubs and lead another diamond to force out declarer's last trump. Dummy's queen of clubs would then block the suit.

There was a safe way to play the hand, and South properly adopted it. Upon winning with dummy's ace of diamonds, he returned the queen of clubs, thus giving up the finesse that he had been at such pains to take.

The defence was now helpless. West had to take the ace of clubs and could return a diamond to force out declarer's fourth trump. South could now give up another club trick, and his last trump assured him a re-entry in order to cash the last two clubs.

## ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ CARD SENSE ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East 1 Diamond Pass 1 N.T. Pass 2 South, hold: ♠ 7 3 ♥ K 5 ♦ A Q 8 7 4 ♠ A J 3 2 What do you do?  
A—Bid two clubs. Since North could not respond in a major suit, at least one of these suits will be dangerous at no-trump. There must be a safer contract.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: ♠ 7 3 ♥ K 5 ♦ A Q 8 7 4 ♠ A J 3 2 What do you do?  
Answer Tomorrow

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

BORN today, although the basic characteristics of the natives are similar, you men and women are bound to vary quite widely in the way you make your mark.

You men are interested in the sciences or politics and like to consider everything in the broad range of ideas. You are rather quiet, reserved and are a conscientious worker. You have the gift of oratory and know how to speak forcefully in public. Your one limitation, perhaps, is your tendency to think things over too long before going into action.

On the other hand, you women are apt to be a little too impulsive, especially when it comes to matters of the heart. You are likely to fall in love at first sight—and out again, on second meeting. A little more emotional control is a good deal. Your talents tend toward the social.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A fine day for all your activities. You should come out ahead in some important struggle.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Friendly contacts should bring you definite advantages. Make important gains now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Legal and financial matters can be won to your favor. Romance is possible, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A journey, begun today, should prove highly advantageous. Educational matters are highlighted. A journey, begun today, should prove highly advantageous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your best efforts should be utilized now, for you can get just about anything you desire.

## WOMANSENSE

Lace And Satin For Evening



"Poesie," by Maggy Rouff, is a lovely evening gown of white lace on blue satin. It reflects the Empire Line dominant in the new Paris collections.—Agence France-Press.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

If a member of your family by dyeing the unworn parts a new color, then cutting into needs heat treatment, and you have no rubber, hot water, bottle or electric heating pad, put a small bag of salt into a skillet and heat. Wrap the bag tightly in closely woven cloth, and it will hold the heat for a long time.

Try this if a fine white curtain develops a hole. Cover the hole with a piece of white paper, then run it back and forth under the sewing machine needle.

After the curtain is laundered, the paper will be soaked away and the darning will be hard to detect.

Worn table covers can be turned into new-looking linens

When electric light bulbs become blackened, it's because of the normal evaporation of the tungsten filament, which is deposited on the inner bulb surface. Excessive blackening reduces bulb efficiency. Bulbs which are very black should be replaced, even though they may not actually be burned out.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## The Snoozing McSnooze

—Pixie O'Scowl Had to Do His Work While He Slept—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadows, found Pixie McSnooze and Pixie O'Scowl by the Old Oak where the Pixies lived. As usual Pixie O'Scowl looked angry. He was pacing up and down with his hands behind his back, shooting angry glances at Pixie McSnooze who kept walking up and down behind him and saying over and over again: "But listen to me, O'Scowl... please listen to me... let me explain."

Just then Knarf and Hanid came up. "What's the trouble?" asked Hanid, speaking in a friendly voice to Pixie O'Scowl. "Why are you angry at Pixie McSnooze?"

"I'm not angry," said Pixie O'Scowl. "I'm furious! I'm mad!"

"That's even worse," said Hanid.

Finally, after a great deal of urging and coaxing, Pixie O'Scowl explained what had happened to make him lose his temper.

"It's on account of McSnooze here. He's always sleeping off and taking naps while I do all the work. But the worst thing of all just happened. He went off somewhere to take a nap and stayed away for a week. He just this minute got back, didn't you?" the angry Pixie said, turning on Pixie McSnooze.

"I only took fifty winks," said Pixie McSnooze in a low voice.

## Glamour Is Simply Not Enough

What's your best feature? Your hands, your ankles, your feet? To many a woman, unremarkable except for that best feature, the camera brings cash.

I HAVE yet to see a girl or woman who hasn't at least one good feature.

The asset may not be in her face. It could be her hair, her hands, her ankles, feet, shoulders—anywhere. And that one feature, if it is really attractive, can earn her money from advertisers.

Few women seem to realize this. If a girl "sells" that feature to the camera, she gets a model's fee for lending it to firms that advertise anything from shoes and nail varnish to shampoos and brassieres.

When it comes to Cover Girls—the girls whose faces smile up from every bookstand and newsagent's counter—a different set of qualifications are required, however.

And one qualification which does not put a girl's face on a magazine cover is mere glamour—unless the publication is a film one.

Even some film stars would not be accepted as Cover Girls without the fame they have won on the screen. One such girl is Audrey Hepburn. She is not an ideal; her jaw-line is too strong.

Recently I chatted with two people who know all there is to learn about the Cover Girl business.

One is Joan Stewart, a famous Cover Girl herself; the other is a man who looks for talent constantly and recognises it the second he sees it.

## DEMANDING JOB

Joan is a lovely 23-year-old. Her career started when she was seen by a talent scout going through Bond Street underground station in London. Successful screen tests put her into Rank's Charm School; an ability to wear clothes well put her into Hartnell's salon as a mannequin.

Selection by the American magazine Esquire followed. That magazine elected her the most perfect girl in Britain. She was painted, photographed, and put right up to the top of her profession.

Then came work galore, decorating the covers of national magazines. Since then she hasn't looked back.

But the job is a demanding one. The luxuries of late nights and over-indulgence are forbidden to her.

It is a job that pays very well, and it offers fun and lots of opportunities. From photography it leads to anything from fashion modelling to film work.

The man who makes faces famous presented the other side of the picture.

The girl who would be noticed in a street is the last person he wants.

Her face would scare away customers with its unattainable glamour!

The face he keeps seeking is the one that could belong to

the ordinary nice girl who lives anywhere—anywhere outside the spheres of sophistication in a city like London. The girl from the suburbs or the provinces.

## IDEAL FACE

The ideal is the girl with the heart-shaped face, well-moulded features, friendly expression, and a vitality that shows through. She is the girl any woman would like her son to bring home as his "intended."

The professional life of a Cover Girl is a short one in the studios. She cannot be used too much or her face becomes too familiar. But the cover of a magazine is a wonderful jumping-off point to "sell" girl to studios that handle work

for big advertising agencies. The search for Cover Girls goes on endlessly. There are never enough new faces to go round.

Scouts keep their eyes open, and encouragement is given to girls to send their photographs to the magazines.

When a photograph that looks likely is sent, a check is made to see that it isn't a "phony." (It isn't unusual for a woman to send in a picture of herself that was taken forty years ago!)

If the girl looks like a possible, she is re-photographed. If she still looks good in a "dummy" of the magazine cover, she follows in the footsteps of the Joan Stewarts of the business.

—JEAN MACAULAY



Lola Prusse, famous Parisian designer, presents these attractive fashion accessories for evening. The silk scarf with a pattern resembling Chinese characters, matches the gloves in ochre and black; they blend harmoniously with the colours of the other items.—Agence France-Press.

## Does Your Diet Include Sufficient Protein?

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

MOTHER Nature is a pretty clever old woman. She knows that we humans naturally tend to eat foods that

taste good. So she has conveniently arranged to have the foods most important to our health—those with high protein content—lasty as well as nutritious.

Dad knows that you can get more benefit from eating a combination of two proteins than you can from a single protein food.

Here again, Mother Nature has taken a hand. She has arranged these vitamins combinations so that they just naturally go together. Take chicken and rice or milk and cereal, for example. Not only do these combinations taste good, but, eaten together, they do more good than if eaten separately.

Protein is the basic stuff of life. Every cell in your body is protein of one kind or another. But protein is a very complex substance. You won't find any two of them identical. The nutritional value of each protein varies as does the number of amino acids which go to make it up.

While our bodies can manufacture about half of these amino acids, the others must be obtained from the food we eat.

When you are ill, or during pregnancy, you may need greater amounts of protein than under normal conditions. Infants and children, too, need additional protein "building blocks" to help them grow properly.

The only way you can supply your protein needs is by eating protein foods. And you've got to eat them each day, since your body can't store appreciable amounts of protein for any reserve action.

Therefore, you should eat some of the following every day: Vegetable proteins—lean meats, cereals, grains, legumes.

Animal proteins—meat, fish, milk and milk products, eggs. It is not essential that you eat large amounts of the animal protein foods every day. Mother Nature has arranged it so that relatively small amounts of animal protein in a meal actually improve your body's use of protein obtained from other foods.

Generally, you'll find most of the high protein foods are also rich in vitamins and minerals. Mother Nature has not overlooked a thing.



McSnooze stretched out under a clover for a nap.

"And what happened after that?" Knarf asked.

## A Bit Of Cheese

"After that," said Pixie O'Scowl, "a sparrow flew down and pecked off a bit of cheese and flew away with it. But the cheese fell out of his beak and dropped in the meadow just as Pixie McSnooze was counting."

"Forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty," he shouted. "What was so funny about that?"

"Fifty winks!" repeated Pixie O'Scowl, more angry than ever. "It took you a week to sleep those fifty winks! And you did all the work while you were sleeping? Moi! I did!"

Pixie O'Scowl didn't say any more. He pulled open the little door in the trunk of the Old Oak and started down the stairs to O'Cheese Hall.

"Now, I'm going to take a nap!" he said. "Just a hundred winks. I'll see you in a month. You do the work! Good night!"

## Rupert and the Gold Acorn—30



"With the gold acorn safe in his keeping, Philip turns to Rupert with shining eyes. 'Why, oh why did you not tell my father that you had my treasure?' he demands. 'How could I?' laughs Rupert. 'Neither the woodman nor his daughter nor all either's' "



## COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

EDWIN TSAI MAY MAKE IT  
THE BEST SINGLES  
FINAL IN A LONG TIME

Says "TOUCHWOOD"

It took seeded player Edwin Tsai 36 games in all yesterday before he managed to subdue a never-give-up opponent in V. T. Wang, thus qualifying to meet his time honoured opponent, Ip Koon-hung, in the Colony Grasscourt Singles Final at Chater Road. Tsai won 6-4, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

A lackadaisical Tsai took the first two sets in so convincing a manner that spectators at once jumped to the conclusion that the match would end in less time than was expected. How wrong they were for Wang, probably requiring a longer time than Edwin Tsai to get warmed up, struck his true form in the 18th game to take two games in a row and then went on to take the third set at 6-3.

Tsai brought his strong overhead and winning backhand strokes into play from the start of the fourth and what turned out to be the final set against his determined opponent. He was in such devastating form that it was clear that Wang, in order to win a set at all, would have to bring out his best in this semi-final match.

Time and again as the game progressed and the trend was clear, Tsai produced a delicate drop shot or short cross that finished a rally and he was putting his returns, by a drive, volley and half volley, so much more accurate and nearer the lines at each stroke executed.

## SOCCER

PROSPECT OF  
INCREASED PAY  
BRIGHTENS FOR  
PROFESSIONALS

London, Mar. 12. Prospects of increased pay for professional footballers in England brightened considerably today when the 92 League clubs held their informal annual conference in London.

One of the most favoured schemes to be submitted to the annual general meeting in June was the doubling of bonuses to four pounds sterling for a win and two pounds sterling for a draw.

The League's management committee met the Players' Union in Manchester on Friday to discuss payment for extra games. The Union yesterday called off a ban, due to have started tomorrow, on floodlight and television matches.

There seems little doubt that the composition of the League will be changed for the 1957-58 season. The management committee's plan for four National Divisions will go forward to the June meeting. The first two National Divisions will be the Third and Fourth National Divisions.

Some clubs supported a suggestion for five Leagues—two National Divisions with the Third being divided into Northern, Southern and Midland sections. Each would consist of 20 clubs making a total of 100 clubs.

This would give scope for new clubs to be admitted.—China Mail Special.

Landy Wants To  
Retire After  
Olympic Games

Melbourne, Mar. 12. John Landy, the World's fastest mile runner today, said he would retire from athletics after the Olympic Games in Melbourne later this year.

"I won't even contest the Australian Championships early next year," he added.

Last Saturday Landy won the Australian One Mile Championship in 4 mins 42 sec after losing an estimated 30 yards by slipping during the race to assist a fallen rival.

He was a doubtful starter for today's Three Miles Australian Championship but decided to run at the last minute and won easily in 13 mins 42.2 sec.—Reuter.

Marciano Willing  
To Fight Britain's  
Don Cockell?

Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mar. 12. Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano said today that he would be willing to fight Britain's Don Cockell again, but added that he did not make his own matches.

Marciano's manager, Al Weill, has said Cockell will defend his title in September and his opponent will come from among Nino Valdes, Bob Baker, Archie Moore, Tommy Jackson and Floyd Patterson.—United Press.

Wang won only the third, fourth, sixth and eighth games in the final set, but he kept some rallies going long enough to have deserved a better look in the scores. There were some wild misses too by Wang, but his sound base to base volleys at times had the better of his young adversary.

Perhaps the stroke that wrote itself to Wang's aspirations to meeting Ip Koon-hung in the final was in the fourth set when after being the score at four games each, Wang had the misfortune of crashing what appeared an easy shot into the net when the score was 30-30 with Wang serving. A point scored in his favour at this stage would have made the score read 40-30 instead of the other way round.

ON THE WRONG FOOT  
Tsai, requiring two more games to clinch set and match, brought his backhand into play, which invariably caught his opponent on the wrong foot, to win 6-4.

The opening set saw Edwin Tsai taking the first game without conceding a point, but in the next Wang, trailing 15-30, levelled the score and jumped ahead to 40-30 and a passing shot to Tsai's backhand won him the second game to make it one all.

Keeping Tsai on the move, Wang alternated his hard drives with crisp half volleys that bewildered his opponent into conceding the third game to him.

Tsai made it 2-2, but back came Wang who took the fifth and sixth game before Edwin Tsai pulled himself together to take the first set at 6-4 in approximately 18 minutes.

Severely set back to Tsai without much exertion and the only game Wang managed to take was in the fourth when he took the game without losing a point.

The first two games in the third set went to Wang, but Tsai made it 2-2 and then 3-3 with his forceful drives deep to

Wang's backhand, but that was the best he could do for his opponent without much ado took set at 6-3.

PLENTY OF FIGHT  
There was still plenty of fight left in Wang after the five minutes rest. Tsai after two deuces took the first game and then in the next with the score at 30-30 he brought off some dazzling not cord shots and he was two games up.

Not to be outdone, Wang tied the score at 2-2, 3-3 and again at 4-4 and, just when it appeared that this match would be a marathon affair, Edwin Tsai struck a good patch to take the next two games for set and match at 6-4, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

For once in the tournament this year, Edwin Tsai played in deadly earnest. Hitherto, in the earlier rounds it was a nonchalant Tsai going about his job with a couldn't-care-less attitude and if he could bring his lightning heart to work in cohesion with his hand when he meets Ip Koon-hung, this Singles final will not lack thrills.

Hutton Predicts  
England To  
Retain Ashes

London, Mar. 12. Speaking to a packed audience in the Royal Albert Hall in Derby tonight, Len Hutton, the former England captain and Yorkshire opening batsman, predicted that England would retain the Ashes early this year, "provided the summer was rather wet and damp."

He thought that if the summer was fine, England "should scrape home."

Obviously referring to yesterday's incident at Karachi, Len Hutton also said "When Yorkshire plays either Lancashire or Derbyshire, there is no argument with the umpires, and if a little bit of language floats around it is not a great part of the game."

—France-Press.

## COLUMN WITH A KICK

Is This The Best  
They Can Do?

Asks DAVID JACK

Remember Johnny McInnes? To most Soccer enthusiasts his name will mean nothing.

At Stamford Bridge, though, Johnny McInnes will be recalled as an outside-left who joined Chelsea just after the war from Greenock Morton, a £7,000 player forced out of football through ill-health in 1950. In 1956 he is forgotten—but I want to remind you of this man Johnny McInnes.

Johnny had lung trouble; had it so badly in fact that his doctor warned him of serious consequences if he carried on playing football. So Johnny McInnes decided never to kick another ball.

## COULDN'T RUN

Unfortunately nobody told him his physical condition would prevent him doing an ordinary job. No medical treatment could cure his biggest headache—how to support a wife, a son and a widowed mother, on no income.

So Johnny joined non-League Bedford Town. He did not want to ignore the doctors and play football. He had to play because he needed the money, even though the stakes were high.

Of course it didn't work. Bedford's left-winger from Chelsea couldn't run, and what use is a walking winger?

Today Johnny McInnes—still a young man—is unable to do a normal day's work. For two and a half years he has been so ill his doctor insists on his resting in bed every day.

Not a pleasant story is it? But here's perhaps the nastiest knock, the cruellest blow, Johnny McInnes, who never looked for charity, has been given grants from various football organizations amounting to £250 since leaving Chelsea six years ago.

This great game of football, capable of amassing £50,000 from a single match, managed to

## £25 GRANT

In fairness to the League and their precious Jubilee, I must mention that they did make McInnes a grant from the fund. A £25 cheque was dispatched after his application had, no doubt, been investigated thoroughly.

If ex-footballer Johnny McInnes had a few hundred pounds, he could open a business and his family would help him run it. What an opportunity for the hard-headed businessmen who control our national sport to prove they are human.

Such generosity from Preston is long overdue.

## BIRMINGHAM'S FIRST GOAL



Birmingham City outside-right Astall, lying on the ground, sees his shot elude Arsenal goalkeeper Kelsey and their first goal in the sixth round FA Cup-tie at Arsenal Stadium, Highbury, London on March 3. Birmingham won 3-1. —Reuterphoto.

## TODAY'S SOFTBALL

Colony Combined Chinese  
To Play Ching Hsui Girls  
At King's Park Today

By "TIME OUT"

At the request of the Ching Hsui Girls' softball team from Taiwan, the Hongkong Softball Association has arranged for the visitors to meet a Combined Chinese nine today instead of the All-Hongkong contingent as previously announced. This game will be played at 4.30 p.m. at King's Park.

This return encounter is more of a goodwill gesture than an exhibition as it gives the visitors a chance of better understanding with our local girls. Playing on foreign soil and under different conditions, this game will help cement the friendship already established between these two teams.

Prior to their departure for home, the visitors will play a final game against Hongkong's best girls' nine, the All-Hongkong squad. This however is being fixed and the exact date will be announced later.

School Shuttle  
Championships

Following are the results of the Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Basketball Championships played at Grantham Training College last evening.

Mixed Doubles  
Cyril J. Chan and Miss Y. Y. Chan beat Wong Wai-hung and Wong Yue-lan, 15-3, 15-2.

Intermediate Boys' Singles  
Loong Tse-jung (SP Co-ed) beat Ng Chi-yung (KC), 15-2, 15-4.

Junior Boys' Doubles  
Fong Hui-hing and Lam King-fu (WYHS) beat Chow Chi-lor and Ng Chi-wing (KC), 15-5, 6-15.

Senior Boys' Doubles  
Cheung Yik-hung and Lau See-lun (SP Co-ed) beat Wong Chi-lun and Wong Kai-lan (SP Co-ed), 15-6, 17-15.

## TOMORROW

Matches to be played on Wednesday, March 14, at CCC, 6 p.m.

Senior Boys' Doubles  
Wong Wai-hung (SC) and George Ma (WYHS) beat Chung Kai-ching and Yeung Wan-chai (SP Co-ed) v Cyril J. Chan (WYHS) and S. K. Wong (KC); Lam See (SC) and Robert Yung (SC) v Cyril J. Chan (WYHS) and S. K. Wong (KC); or Chung Kai-ching and Yeung Wan-chai.

## FRIDAY

Matches to be played on Friday, March 16, at Grantham Training College, 6 p.m.

Intermediate Boys' Doubles  
George Yung and Mariciano Daputia (SC) beat Wong Chi-lun and Wong Kai-lan (SP Co-ed).

## SCHOOLBOYS' DOUBLES (Final)

Winnie Chan and Lillian Wu (SHS) v Diana Yung (SHS) and Y. Y. Chan (SHS).

## FANS' FAVOURITE

Lee Chia, the local fans' favourite, playing at third base, is actually a second baseman and is only filling in the spot at third because their regular third baseman got married before the tour and could not come. Another outstanding player to miss the boat was their first-string shortstop, a school teacher who had to stay back for the opening of the new school term.

Willie Woo, mentor for the local side will, in all probability, start the same team that braved the 13-0 onslaught in their first meeting and rely on the China battery of Kwan Yip Ching and Helen Lung to carry the day for us. The infield quartet will revolve around minute Amy Chang at windy-alley with Chun Oi Chung guarding the hot-corner. L. W. Chan starts off at first while steady Lam Chi Yuet takes second. The outfield trio will be Yim Lai Hsing at left, Chu So Mei in the centre spot and Wei Pei Kim covering the area in rightfield.

## HOME SOCCER

Swindon Beats  
Brentford 2-1

London, Mar. 12. Swindon beat Brentford by two goals to one at Brentford in their Third Division South League football match this evening.

In Glasgow, a Scottish XI beat a team drawn from South African players with English and Scottish clubs by two goals to one.—Reuter.

Red China-PI  
Soccer Match In  
Calcutta And Not  
Hongkong

Manila, Mar. 13. The pre-Melbourne Olympic elimination matches between the Philippines and Communist China will be held between May 10 and 13 in Calcutta, the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation announced here officially last night.

Calcutta was chosen because the Philippines and Communist China have no diplomatic relations.

The Philippines originally chose either Singapore or Hongkong as site of the tournament, but Communist China preferred any city in Burma or India and demanded that the date be advanced to the first half of May instead of the latter half.

With this change of plans, the Philippine football contingent faces a tough schedule.

It will meet a Malaysian team in Singapore in early May after playing in late April the second match of the Asian Football Championship with South Korea in Seoul, the first match of which was won by the Koreans last month.

The Philippine team leaves for Seoul on April 19 and from there will proceed to Singapore on May 6. Their game in Singapore, the Philippine team will go to Calcutta to meet the Communist Chinese team in the elimination matches of the Olympics.—France-Press.

Colony Junior  
Badminton  
Championships

Mary Wong, former school-girls champion, gained easy passage into the next round of the Colony Junior Badminton Championships at the Jewish Recreation Club last night when she easily defeated Diana Madgett in straight sets 11-0, 12-10.

The strong combination of Wong Wai-hung and Mrs S. Silvan met tough opposition from the husband and wife combination of Z. A. Abbas and Mrs Abbas, but eventually won also in straight sets, 15-10, 16-14.

The results were:

Mixed Doubles  
Z. A. Abbas and M. Kan beat Y. T. Hon and H. W. Li 15-7, 15-0.

George Ma and Mrs Wong beat Y. T. Hon and Miss W. K. Chan 15-14, 15-7.

Wong Wai-hung and Mrs S. Silvan beat Z. A. Abbas and Mrs Abbas.

Ladies' Singles  
Mary Wong beat Diana Madgett 11-0, 12-10.

## DESMOND HACKETT'S COLUMN

Pompey Prays—Let  
Me Win Or Die

Yolande Pompey was the kid who used to get kicked around in a Trinidad orphanage, who prayed at nights that he could grow up to be a man all in one day so that he could beat the daylight out of the big boys who tormented him.

Pompey was the kid they picked on because an excess of baptism and confessions left him catalogued Yolande James Michael Sonny Cals Pompey Rabathaly, the kid who worked his way to England because he had to fight to eat.

Pompey was the man who thought this was a wonderful world when told he was to fight Archie Moore for the World Light-Heavyweight title and was left dumb—he just couldn't speak for hours—when he was told the fight was off.

Add all this up and you could expect to find 27-year-old Pompey a moody, snap-your-head-off type training sulkily for his fight with American Moses Ward at Haringway today. Nothing of the sort. He was as full of chuckles as he was bulging with power when I met him yesterday at his training camp in Devizes.

Pompey, whose chain of names is more fully dehydrated to "Pomp," chortles away at his own hard-luck stories, slaps his mighty thighs and says: "I never expect too much of anything and I always reckon anything can happen. I just try to find the funny side."

HAIRD DAYS  
"Pomp" shrugs off the hard days of labouring in London because he could not get fights, the disappointments because of broken promises after he had beaten Dave Sande, and even the fact that, while Archie Moore was throwing his excessive weight about, nobody was talking about Pompey.

I recalled the way he viciously laid Bobby Dawson as neatly as a piece of black linen across the ring at Nottingham in four rounds, and then I heard this story.

Dawson had outpointed Pompey the year before and had begged about the way he was going to do the same again.

Pompey heard of Dawson's boasts, and on the night of the fight he cleared his dressing-room, apart from trainer Snowy Duckingham.

Snowy describes how Pompey lifted his eyes and almost prayed: "If you above are going to be with me, I will do it. I do not want please do not let me come back to this room."

Pompey has only one other defeat against him—he lost to Moses Ward in Chicago and hurt both hands in that 10-round brawl.

## HE CLAIMS

Santee Not An  
Exception But  
Just One Case

Wisconsin, Mar. 12. Wes Santee claimed today that "at least half a dozen stars being counted on for the Olympics could be ruled out" if they were called upon to testify about their expenses before the AAU.

Santee hinted several athletes would be glad to testify before the Amateur Athletic Union to "clear up" the "clouds" and indicate most conclusively that I have not been an exception but just one of the average."

The star Kansas miler, still a hero of US track fans, was permanently suspended by the AAU last month for accepting excessive money at track meets he participated in.

A record crowd of 10,200 fans at the Milwaukee games made it known Saturday night, however, that they still love the Kansas Marine. They cheered him on as he won a "special race" that Olympic hopefuls boycotted so they wouldn't risk their amateur standing for Olympic eligibility.

"Athletes just can't live on \$12 a day if they aren't representing a college," Santee said. "I'm not an exception, I feel confident, if it becomes necessary to call other top trackmen to testify, that they will corroborate my views and indicate most conclusively that I have not been an exception but just one of the average."

Santee said, "That applies to a lot of top athletes, and at least a half dozen stars being counted on for the Olympics could be ruled out by their own testimony."—United Press.

KENMORE A FIRM  
FAVOURITE FOR  
LINCOLNSHIRE  
HANDICAP

London, Mar. 12. Kenmore, a four-year-old colt trained by Harry Wragg, was made a firm 100-11 favourite for the Lincolnshire Handicap at the Victoria Club, London, on Saturday night. The colt, who has never won, had been given a quotation. There were doubts about his running at previous callovers on the race.

The new favourite was backed to win £10,000 sterling. Frisky Scot, favourite last callover at 100-6, drifted to 20-1—the same price as Trouville, Turk's Blood and River Line.

Apart from Kenmore, the best backed horse was Solon Horn, which was supported to win about £7,000 sterling.

Quare Times retained his position as favourite for the Grand National, closing at the same price of 15-2 against.

There were only ten horses backed tonight.

Others were: ESB, Carey's Cottage, High Guard, Pippikin, Key Royal, Mariners' Log, Merry Windsor, Royal Tan and Early Rush.

Sunday remained second favourite, shortening to 100-9. Closing prices were:

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP (MARCH 21)

100-8 Against Kenmore.  
22-1 Frisky Scot, Trouville, Turk's Blood and River Line.  
22-1 Mittere Magna and Tudor Jinks.

23-1 Nicholas Nickleby, Retrial, Loppys, Solon Morn and Redway.

33-1 Milonga, Bedser, Flying William and Tale of Two Cities.  
40-1 Palsin, Beethorn, Aorang, Don Basilio, High River, Jasper and Underwear.  
50-1 Nimblesfoot.

GRAND NATIONAL (MARCH 24)

15-2 Quare Times.  
100-9 Sunday.  
100-6 Devon Loch.  
100-6 ESB.—Reuter.

## THE GAMBOLS



## by Barry Appleby



## MEND MY PANTS



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## BURROUGHS





## Pakistan Cricket Board Says...

## Both Sides Equally At Fault In Pakistan Incident

Karachi, Mar. 12. The Pakistan Cricket Board of Control said today an inquiry showed "both sides were equally at fault" in an incident which occurred during play between the MCC tourists and Pakistan in the Fourth unofficial Test match here yesterday.

The board appealed to both teams and to the public to treat the incident as closed.

The statement was made by the board after an inquiry attended by the MCC manager, Mr. Geoffrey Howard, and Imtiaz Ahmed, Pakistani Test wicketkeeper, yesterday afternoon.

## SOCCER

## Youth Sentenced To Juvenile Detention For Rough Play

Hellbrunn, West Germany, Mar. 12.

A 17-year-old boy who broke the opposing centre-forward's leg in a football game has been sentenced here to two weeks juvenile detention for "intentionally inflicting dangerous bodily injury."

The boy's name was not revealed by the court. Before the game he threatened "I'll smash somebody's bones today," a witness told the court. The referee did not send him off the field because he could not at the time prove injured. But the father of the injured boy, who spent 22 weeks in hospital, took the matter to court.—China Mail Special.

## Manila-Macao-Hongkong Regatta On March 31

Manila, Mar. 13. The Manila-Hongkong-Macao regatta will be held in Manila Bay between March 31 and April 2, it was learned here yesterday.

Hongkong will be represented by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club while the Portuguese Colony will be represented by the Club Nautico do Macao.

A total of five races will be held: two on March 31, one on April 1 and two on April 2. The Hongkong team is expected to arrive here on March 29.—France-Press.

## Sports Diary

## TODAY

Semi-final of Colony Gramscourt doubles championship at HKCC Athletics.

Heats of St Joseph's College annual athletic championships at SCAC stadium, commencing 9 a.m.

## TOMORROW

ASF and OC Council meeting, S.C.M. Post Board Room at 5.30 p.m.

Semi-final of Colony Gramscourt doubles championships (bottom half), badminton. School championships at CCC commencing at 9 p.m.

## Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

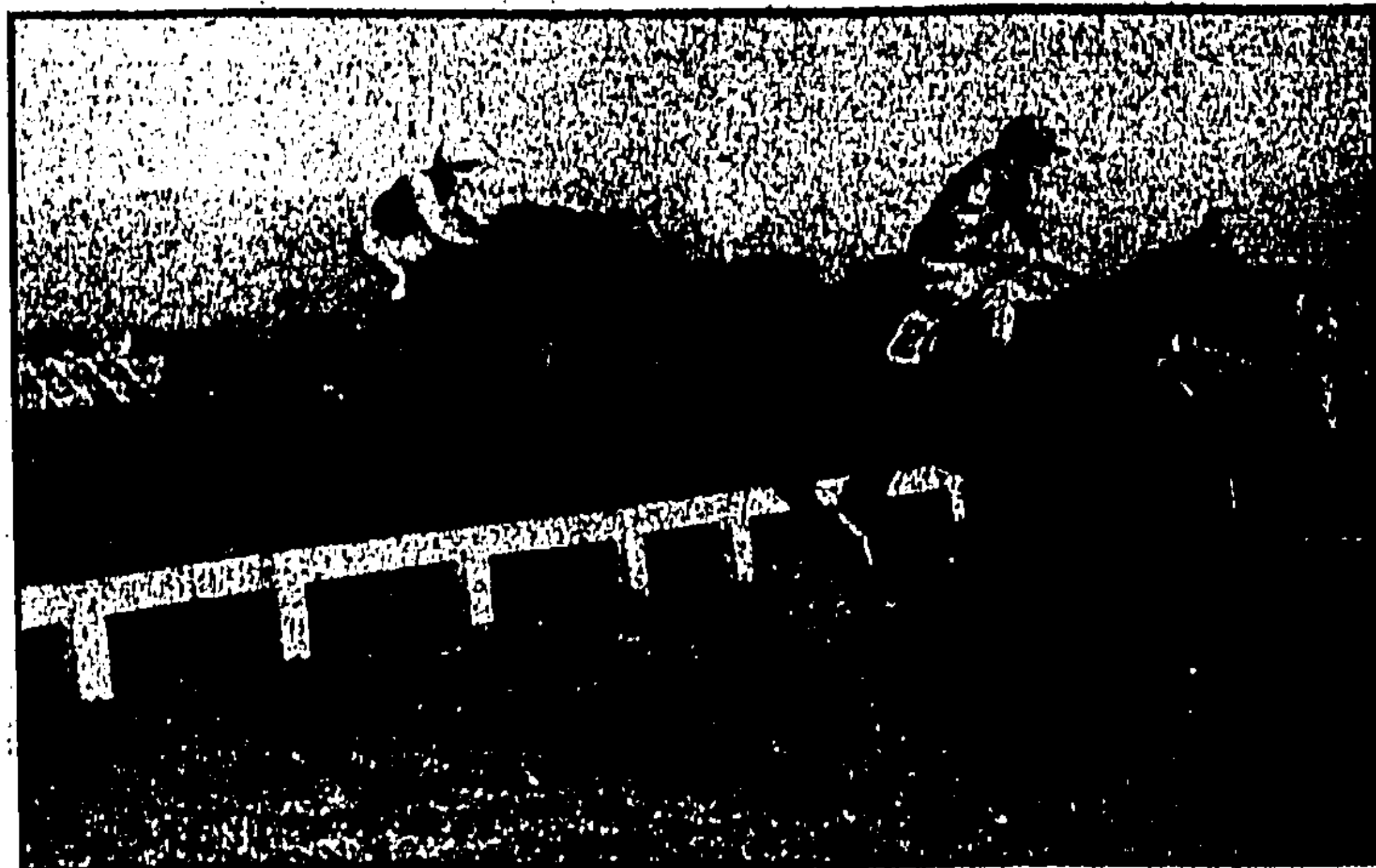
To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the ..... Club.

(Signed) .....

## VICTORY IN SIGHT



Mr. G. H. Moore's Kerstin, ridden by G. Milburn, takes the last fence to win the National Hunt Handicap Steeplechase at the Cheltenham meeting on March 7. Closely following is Mme K. Hennessey's Armorial III (J. Dowdswell in the saddle), which finished second.—Reuterphoto.

## THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR THE PAKISTAN RAGGING AFFAIR

Says W. CAPEL KIRBY

"All the Gentlemen are players and all the players gentlemen" no longer applies to cricket.

For years magistrates have tried to decide between ragging and hooliganism, but there is no excuse for the behaviour in Pakistan which has damaged our good name throughout the world of sport.

The culprits should never again be allowed to wear an England or MCC Cap.

The cricketing fraternity—old school tie and all that—is required to occupy a higher social status than the oafs of Soccer, yet an England football team would never be guilty of such conduct as marred the Pakistan tour. At least the FA vets international candidates for their behaviour both on and off the field.

## ENTERPRISE

How many current Rugby internationals have been chosen for the club's second XV? When the France-England match was cancelled Alan Ashcroft put his name down on Waterloo's second team list... and got a game.

Wolves had a representative at Peterborough's friendly match with Huddersfield yesterday. It is no secret that he was making another check on inside right Dennis Emery.

Jimmy Logie misses the League limelight but cannot make a comeback. "I burned my boats by drawing my League Benevolent Fund money," he told me.

Former Lancashire fast bowler Tom Dickinson hopes to have more games with Somerset's second team next season. Nowadays he's a headmaster at Bristol Grammar School.

## DEWS WANTED

Encouraged by the turnstile returns from Neil Franklin's signing, Crewe are now seeking George Dew, Walsall inside left and Worcestershire batsman.

British Olympic funds will benefit by the royal world premiere of the film, "Alexander The Great" at the Odeon Theatre, London, on March 22. This film was chosen because it features the first Olympic Games of 2,000 years ago. They didn't require 270,000 in those days.

Preston directors have been goal-prospectors over the border. They have been seen in pairs at Ayr and Dundee. Target at Ayr, I gather, was Wisnaw-born wing-half-back Adam Haugh. At Dundee, Tommy Gallagher, son of illustrious Patsy, caught their eye.

## FOLLOWS SAM?

If Jimmy Seed's visit to Scotland this week-end is successful, Reg Morrison, Aberdeen's reserve "B" international goalkeeper, will be Sam Bartram's successor at Charlton.

Charlie Milton's first job when he moves the family to Mansfield in July is to sign son John as an amateur for the Town. "Will you sign him pro."

## Soviet Table Tennis Tourney

Paris, Mar. 12. A. Saunoris, winner of the men's singles title in the Soviet 1955 Table Tennis Championships retained his title when he won the men's finals in this year's Championships which ended at Leningrad yesterday, reported Soviet Tass news agency. M. Lestak won the 1956 women's title.—France-Press.

## LOOKING AT SPORT

## Welshman Dai Dower Still Needs A Punch

Says DENNIS HART

Twenty-seven fights, 26 wins, 23 of them inside the distance. That's a record worthy of anybody's attention. I especially commend it to those who regard Welshman Dai Dower as the next Flyweight Champion of the World.

And they are many. Indeed, most think that Dower's hardest task will be in getting the chance to fight for the title. This done, winning would be a mere formality.

That's why I suggest they study that record. It belongs to Pascual Perez, the dark-haired tough-as-nails Argentinian, current holder of the crown.

Twenty-seven fights and only four lasting the distance. That's a record as good as Rocky Marciano's.

And it is possible to compare the two. Heavyweights may be harder to knock out. But then they've got the weight behind their punches. There is not much beef and muscle behind an eight-stoner's blows.

TREMEEDOUS SPEED

Dower, of course, has his tremendous speed. He revealed it again last week when he outpointed Frenchman Robert Meunier. It was a good win, especially as Meunier is a Banlamweight. But well though Dower won, towards the end he was obviously tiring. And the fight was only over eight rounds. Another couple of rounds and anything might have happened.

For Dower, with his lightning left beating a constant tattoo on his opponent's face, is all right while at full speed. But as soon as he slows the fight becomes a matter of his punch versus the other man's. And for all the number of the Welshman's punches they

haven't the devastating power of one cracking blow.

Dower's supporters, and they include every Welshman able to draw breath, claim that he can go full out for fifteen rounds, and point to his two points wins over former Empire Champion Jake Tull. The little Zulu, I agree, hit as hard as any flyweight in the business. But he wasn't a quick fighter.

Perez is. His list of KO wins includes one over Yoshio Shirai, that elusive little man from Japan from whom Perez took the world title. Perez won the title on a points decision—proof of his boxing ability. Defending it he knocked out Shirai in five rounds.

## SLIGHT SMUDGE

Shirai, incidentally, was responsible for the one slight smudge on Perez's otherwise one hundred per cent record. He forced a draw when the two first met in a non-title bout. Dower could not hope to keep Perez out for fifteen rounds. And a couple of attacks hampered home to the body would rob him of this most valuable asset—his speed.

There is only one way for Dai to prevent this. He must put more zip in his punches and so, getting in first, take the sting out of Perez's blows.

Don't be too surprised if the unexpected happens at Earls Court on April 24. Don Cockell takes on Tongan Kitione Lave in a bout which is formally regarded as a warm-up for the British Champion in preparation for defending his title against Jack Gardner.

Lave, however, hasn't much time for formalities. Remember the sparring partner who floored the South African giant Ewart Forgieter, and got fired for his pains? That was Lave.

Remember, too, the fellow who gave Jack Gardner the run around last December, sufficiently most critics thought to get the verdict? Lave's handiwork again.

An impetuous fighter, who has yet to show great judgement in peeling a fight, Lave is still a most difficult customer to deal with.

Why does Cockell chance meeting trouble more than half-way? I suspect a psychological motive. If he can polish off the Tongan in a way Gardner could not, Cockell builds up a distinct moral advantage over his title opponent.

Just one thing though. Perhaps Lave hasn't studied psychology. —(London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)



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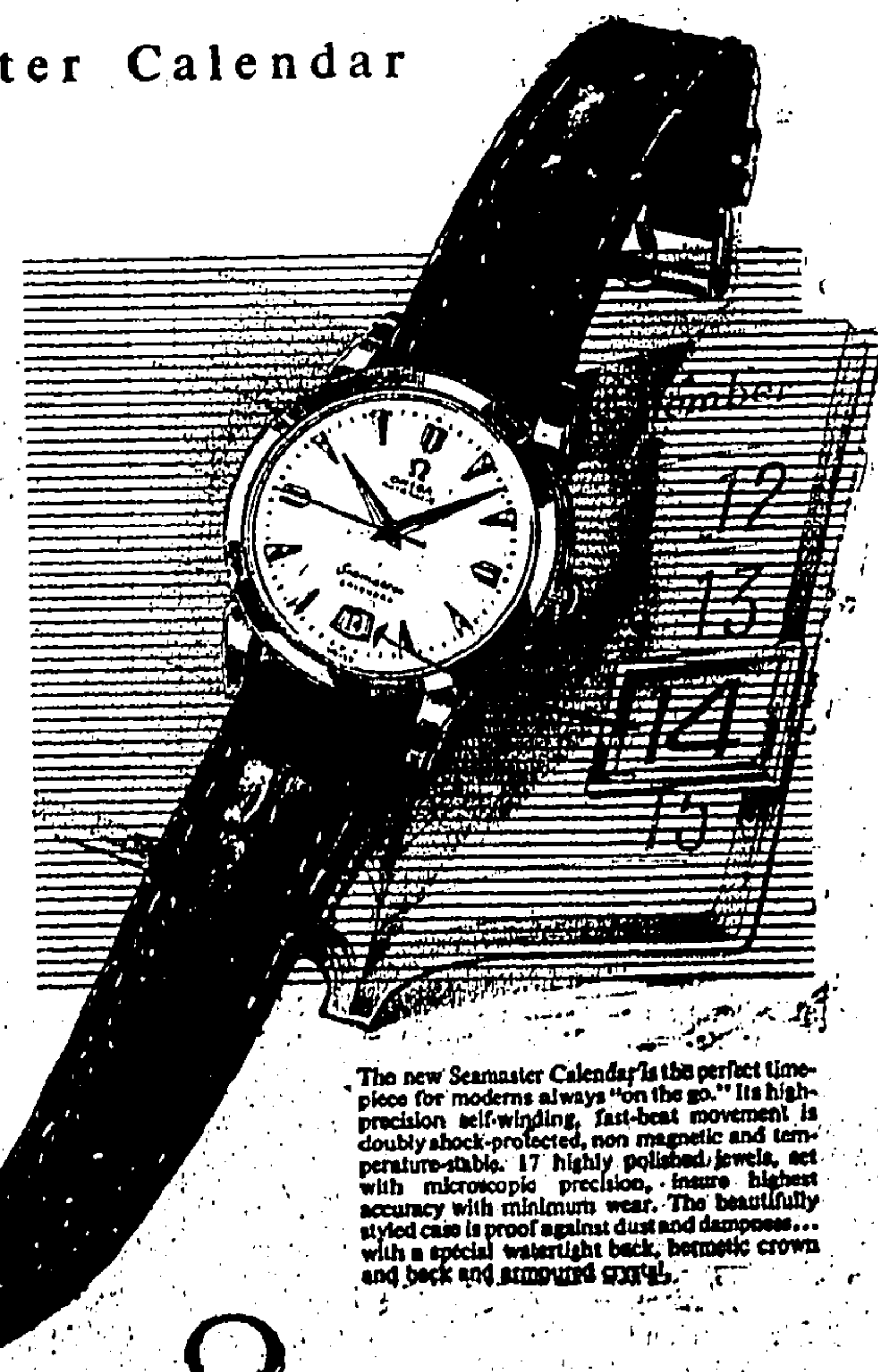


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Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN THAT THE SIXTY-THIRD  
Annual General Meeting of the  
Members of the Company will be  
held on Thursday, the 16th day of  
March, 1956, at 11 a.m. at the Company's  
Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, for the  
transaction of the business of an  
Ordinary General Meeting including the following:-

- (1) To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors, and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1955, and the Balance Sheet as at that date.
- (2) To approve the Dividend.
- (3) To elect Directors.
- (4) To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March, to Thursday, the 16th of March, 1956, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
F. H. FELL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1956.

## NOTICE

THE HONGKONG &  
YAUMATI FERRY  
COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday the 7th April, 1956, at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1955, to declare Dividends, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 28th March, 1956, to the 7th April, 1956, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
LAU CHAN KWOK,  
Managing Director.  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1956.

East German Leaders  
Admit To Failures

Berlin, Mar. 12.

West German authorities have been afforded an unprecedented insight into conditions in East German agriculture and industry by original East German Communist party document smuggled to West Berlin.

The document is the verbatim report of the last plenary session of the party's Central Committee, held in East Berlin from October 24 to 27.

Experts of the West German Ministry for All-German Affairs have pronounced the red-bound volume containing more than 200 closely printed pages to be genuine beyond doubt. The report was printed in 24,000 numbered copies for distribution by party courier, against personal signature by the recipient to the leading party officials throughout the country.

## Remarkable

A note on the inside cover advises recipients that they are held responsible under threat of severe punishment for keeping it out of the hands of unauthorised persons. The official who brought one copy to West Berlin did not return to the East.

The document is remarkable above all for revealing how frankly the 152 full and probationary members of the Central Committee, the chief policy-making body in the country, discuss their failures, and how far their secret discussion diverges from the optimistic excerpts published in the East German press.

The following are verbatim extracts from the protocol. Walter Kaestner: "It is time to speak frankly about our farm co-operatives... because one must not retrogress rather than progress in some of them."

"The farm co-operatives have become a receptacle for ruined farms... very many have grown enormously in area but lack the labour and draught animals to do the work in good time. The co-operatives are no longer a shining example for the private farmers but lag behind them in quality as well as in the timing of their work."

## Lack of Stables

"The availability of machinery through the machine tractor stations was wholly insufficient in 1955, added to which there was a catastrophic failure of machinery owing to the lack of bad quality of spare parts."

"There is a great lack of stables in the buildings erected in farm co-operatives are totally inadequate and pigs housed in emergency quarters are worse off than those in the open air because they can hardly find a dry spot. It is therefore not rare for the animals to die. In these circumstances it is difficult to persuade a former labourer to enter a co-operative—indeed, there are not a few cases in which the former labourer leaves a co-operative to return to his former boss, the big farmer."

## Lost Thousands

"It is exactly the same with the peasant recruiting small and medium farmers. It is an indisputable fact that the income of a great number of small and medium farmers is larger than that of co-operative farmers."

Hans Wörke, chairman of the Rostock district council: "Potatoes the size of hazelnuts were harvested after exerting the greatest pressure and effort, for it was done against the will of the farmers. By harvesting immature potatoes, we lost tens of thousands of tons."

"On the question of meat supplies: We have been living from hand to mouth for months. Instead of buying pigs at the normal weight of 204lbs. to 275lbs we take them at 170lbs. I must note that by such methods we cut off the branch on which we are sitting. How long can we keep this up?"

"We must create order in the fodder plans so that they suffice to feed the planned cattle herds. But for the past ten years, we have had the same recurring difficulties. Is that supposed to continue for the next ten years? Are we always to be told that fodder stocks do not balance with cattle stocks, yet that plans for meat supplies are again based on these planned cattle stocks?"

## Unsatisfactory

Dr Wolfgang Schimmer, director of the Lohse works, the biggest East German chemical combine: "We are badly and unsatisfactorily supplied with metallurgical products. Vital repairs are postponed for years for lack of materials."

It is senseless to supply bolts without nuts. Yet we are forced under contract to buy the nuts ordered at the same time. Eighty tons of bolts are lying round, quite worthless because we have no nuts for them. Now we are making the nuts ourselves from scrap at a cost about ten times above normal."

Gerhard Frost: "When the Buna (artificial rubber) works were under Soviet management our relations with the intelligentsia were better than they are now."

Walter Ulbricht, first party secretary: "By how much has bureaucracy increased since we took over?"

Frost: "I should say by 300 per cent."

## No Gauges

Eberhard Nimz, of the Brandenburg iron and steel rolling mill: "We do not even have our own temperature gauge. It costs 550 West Marks (meaning that it must be bought in West Germany) and we have no equivalent."

"Our colleagues keep wondering how we can talk of research work with isotopes when we have not even the simplest and most common gauges."—China Mail Special.

## VIETNAM ELECTIONS



## Mail Notices

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## TUESDAY, MARCH 13

By Air  
Philippines, 9 p.m.  
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 8 p.m.  
Korea, 6 p.m.  
Canada, 6 p.m.

## By Surface

Wednesday, March 14  
Lao, 5 a.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa, 10 a.m.  
U.S.A., 11 a.m.  
Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Nauru  
Formosa, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.  
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa and Europe, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.  
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 15

By Air  
Japan, 8 a.m.  
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.  
Indo-China, France, 10 a.m.  
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany, Great Britain, Noon.  
Philippines, 1 p.m.  
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.  
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.

## By Surface

Rabaul, 9 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.  
Malaya, Burma, India, 11 a.m.  
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Macao, 1 p.m.  
Philippines, Indo-China, Thailand, 11 a.m.  
Indonesia, 5 p.m.

## By Surface

Friday, March 16  
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, March 17  
Formosa, 9 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.  
Malaya, 1 p.m.  
Canada, 2 p.m.  
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 6 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

Civil servants and commercial employees are pictured carrying election posters through the streets of Saigon at the recent opening of the Vietnam election campaign.—Express Photo.

## 'BUZZED' BY HIS ANCESTORS

East London, Mar. 12.  
An African staged a feast of a sacrificial goat washed down by ample quantities of kaffir beer, because, he said, the spirits of his dead ancestors had visited his house in the form of a swarm of bees.

The bees swarmed under the floorboards.

According to superstition, the "spirits" must not be removed, but must be entertained by feasting until they go of their own accord.—China Mail Special.

## The Shape Of Future Policy In Austria

Vienna, Mar. 12.

Seeking, some three months after her liberation from 17 years of occupation to discover some indication of Austria's probable line of development as a neutral state, observers here are noting that the events in those months which have most roused the people of Austria to rejoicing and enthusiasm, have all been cultural ones.

Foremost among them was the reopening, on November 5, of the Vienna State Opera House, which was gutted by fire and bombs in the last days of the war in 1945. It took ten years and a tremendous amount of money and devotion, to secure its rebuilding, with complete faithfulness to the old plan, during the occupation years.

For many days before this event, the city of Vienna talked, wrote and read of little else.

The opening performance of Ludwig van Beethoven's "Eldorado" was given before the President of the Republic, Dr. Theodor Körner, the whole Cabinet, and one of the most distinguished audiences of Austrian and international music lovers ever assembled under one roof.

were given in new settings before an audience gathered from all parts of the world.

This festival restored Vienna, the critics said, to her old position as one of the leading capitals of the world of music.

From the point of view of international politics, Austria is pledged by the State Treaty to neutrality. But it has been stressed by leaders of all shades of opinion that, this does not mean that she will remain outside international politics without opinions or influence.

## Followed Score

The newly completed building was lit by the beams of a hundred searchlights. Huge crowds gathered round the building to watch the notables arrive and to listen to the music of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the Opera House ensemble broadcast through a dozen loud speakers placed in the streets and squares round the Opera House.

On the second night, when Mozart's "Don Giovanni" was produced, the rosette chestnut corner was seen following the score by the light of an oil lamp on top of his iron stove, while 20 or 30 of the old Opera fans were standing round the street lamps with their score open waiting for the broadcast to begin.

The re-opening of the Opera House was followed by a month-long international festival of music, during which seven operas and an evening of ballet

## First Step

The first step in this direction, taken after the liberation from occupation, was a formal declaration of the neutrality of the country passed by the two Houses of Representatives and signed by the President. This laid down that Austria "declared her everlasting neutrality on her own free will. Austria will maintain and defend this by all the means at her disposal. Austria will in future join no military alliances and will not permit the establishment of military bases by foreign states on her territory."

Leading statesmen explained that this military neutrality does not mean "ideological" neutrality, and that Austria will remain firmly committed to the West in her political, economic and cultural outlook.

Perhaps the most important act in foreign affairs in this period was the visit, on Austrian invitation, of Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister. He was royally entertained in Vienna and his visit resulted in the conclusion of an agreement between West Germany and Austria which should end their former strained relations and lead to a firm friendship.

## Shown Determination

In the same period, a number of agreements have been signed also with Russia and the Eastern bloc states, mostly of an economic nature.

Austria has thus shown her determination to use her neutral position to act as a go-between between East and West, especially in economic matters.

She has also concluded agreements on Danube traffic which may lead to the growth of a great entrepot port in Vienna and to the Danube becoming, once again, a great international waterway.

Another sign of her new won freedom has been the conclusion in a series of air agreements. Vienna promises, as a result, to become an international air centre of great importance as she is one of the few cities from which lines operate not only to the west of Europe but also to the east.

In internal affairs, the Coalition of the conservative People's Party, based on capitalist industry, peasant agriculture, and the Catholic Church, with the Socialists, with their almost diametrically opposed programme, has been maintained.

The two parties are of almost exactly equal strength in the country and while they present a solid front in Parliament, they fight one another constantly in the corridors and in their party press.

## Coalition

From the preliminary survey of Austrian activity since the end of the occupation, it would appear, therefore, that in future Austria will strive to regain that dominant position in cultural matters which was hers in the days of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire.

In international affairs, her role may well be, while retaining her neutrality, to act as a bridge, between East and West both economically and politically.

And in internal political life, she will probably try, by maintaining the coalition, to give a demonstration to the world of the possibility of co-existence of capitalist and socialist within the bounds of even a small state.—Reuters.

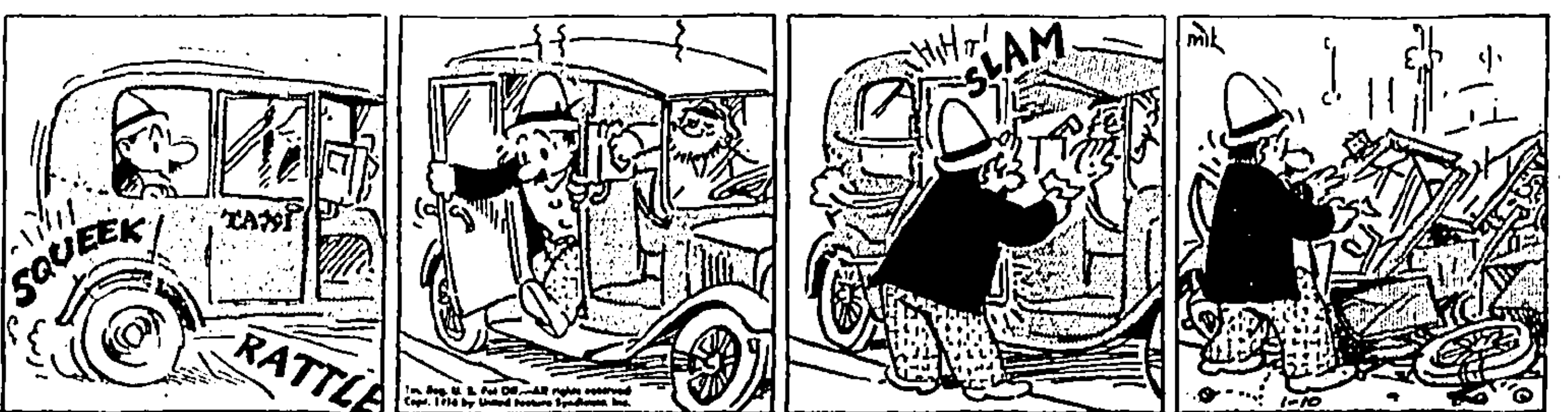
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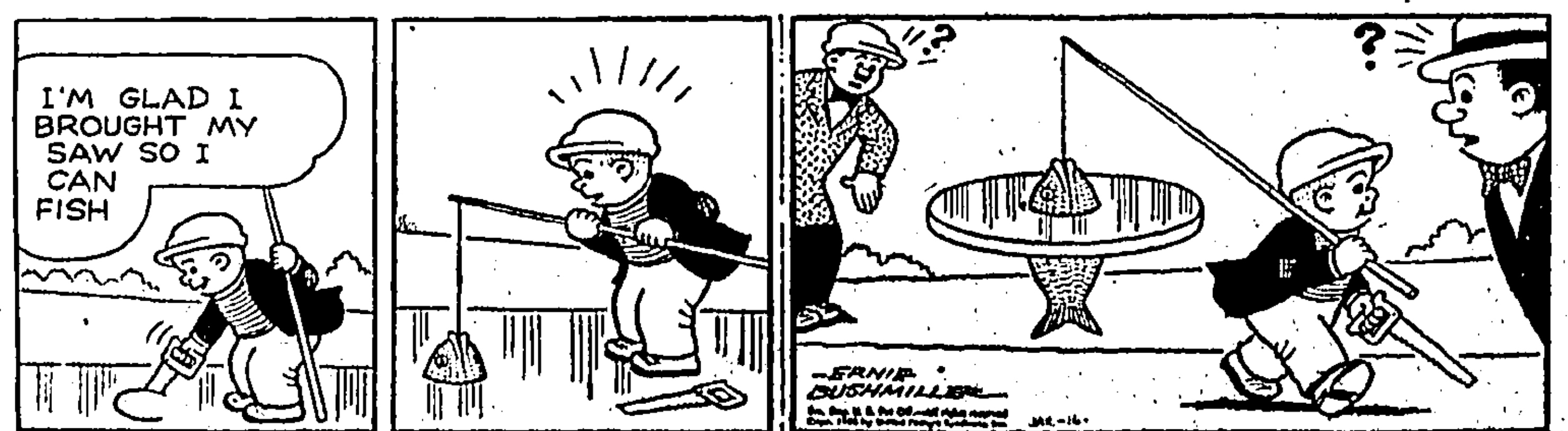
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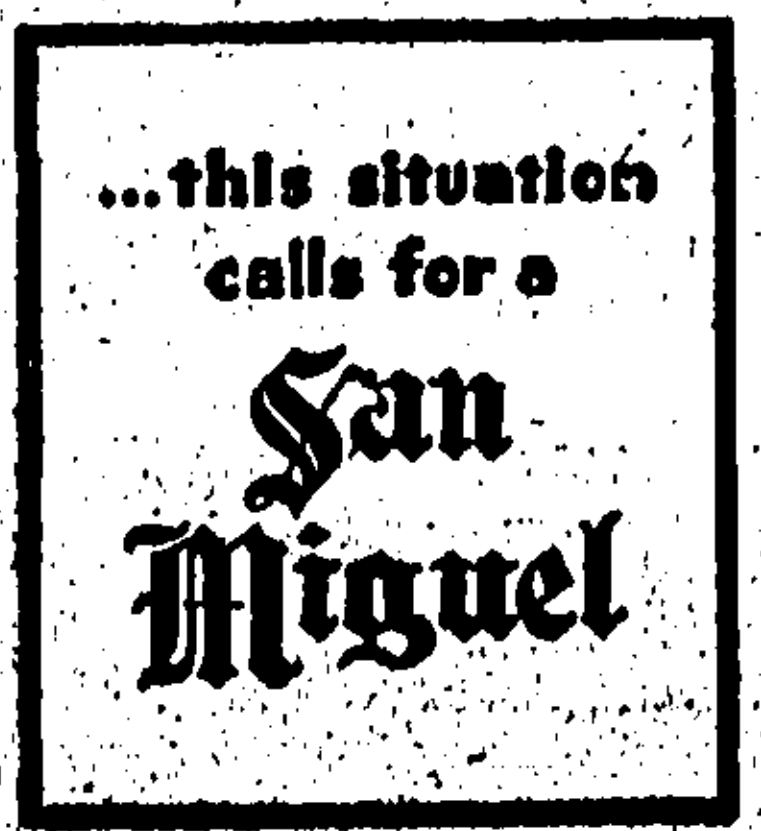
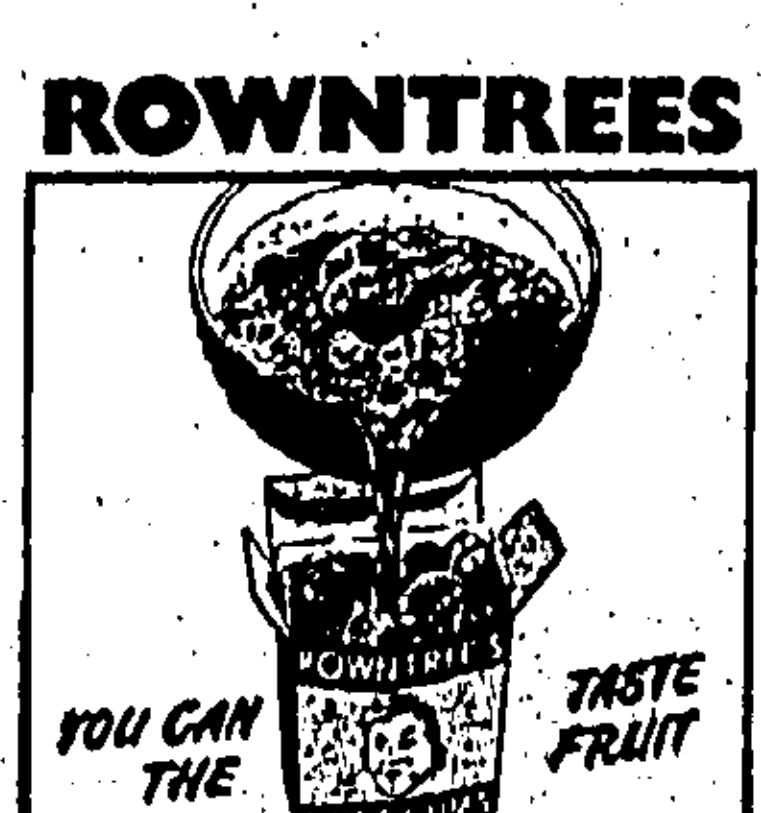
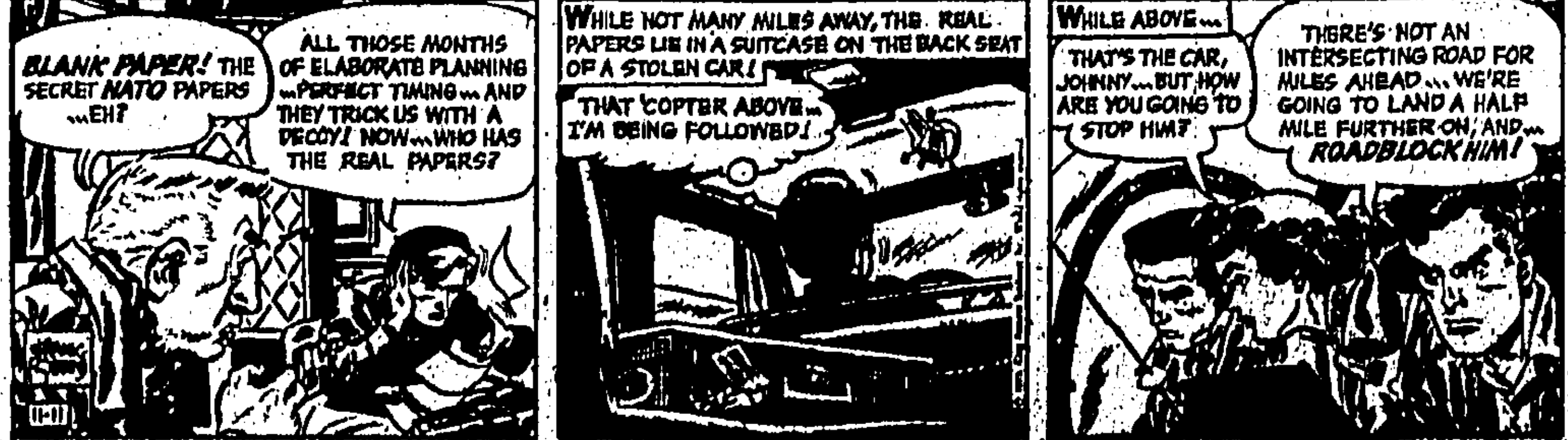
## NANCY

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# London Stocks Improve

Diamond shares firmed on the Continental buying, while coppers held about unchanged - United Press.

# NY INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE HITS 500 MARK

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High priced International	Procter & Gamble Co.	30
Business Machines rose 5½	Pittsburgh Plate Glass	30
points to \$434	Pure Oil	4
Connecticut Copper paced the	Rudlo Corporation	4
metals. It jumped 2½ points to	Republic Steel	4
\$413½.	Tenneco	7
New York Stock Exchange	Shell Oil Co.	7
bond volume was \$1,135,000.	Saint Regis	7
American Sugar and Cane	Sucrin Oil	7
Company sold 100,000 shares.	Soco Mobil Oil	30
Dow-Jones closing average	Southern Railway (Conn.)	30
was:	Standard Oil of Cal.	30
	Standard Oil of Ind.	30

Widen Inc. Acy.	9	21%	United Aircraft	.....	
Allied Chemicals	.....	11%	U.S. Gypsum	.....	
Allied Mills	.....	24%	U.S. Linc. Co.	.....	
Allied Chemicals	.....	7%	U.S. Rubber	.....	
American Airline	.....	24%	U.S. Smelting	.....	
American Cyanamide Co.	.....	2%	U.S. Steel	.....	
Am. Mach. & P. Dry	.....	2%	Warner Bros.	.....	
American	.....	2%	Westinghouse Electric	.....	
American Smelting	.....	57	West Va. Pulp & Paper	.....	
American Tel. & Tel.	.....	123%	Woolworth	.....	
American Tob.	.....	7%		.....	United Fr

**BRITONS HAVE TOO MUCH MONEY**

# Government Stands By Restrictions On Hire Purchase

At the moment it is the short term effects of hire purchase on working of the economy that is under discussion in Britain. The Government regard it as a factor aggravating the problem of "too much money." Workers in industries producing cars, washing machines and so on have come to regard it as a means of keeping them in full employment.

This is not to say, however, that it has no ill effects on the economy. According to the National City Bank: "Theoretically instalment credit accelerates booms and recessions but does not cause upturns or downturns. In revival, instalment credit contributes to purchasing power and helps put men and machines back to work."

It goes on—and this is a fact—summary of what has been happening in Britain—in the later stages of a boom with many lines bumping against the ceiling of capacity it—like any form of credit—adds fuel to the fires of inflation."

The British Government to the same view—and made his purchase much more difficult. This is largely a though wholly responsible for the current recession in durable consumer goods industries. But it is a situation which needs a clear

## Growing Economy

Obviously, consumer credit cannot expand indefinitely. There must be some point beyond which it would be dangerous for it to go on growing—a given other inflationary conditions that point has no doubt been reached in Britain. In the longer run, however, instalment credit can have a beneficial effect on the economy.

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In the view of the National City Bank it is "a growing part of a growing economy and performs many useful functions." It is a "regular part of the life of the community," and it is "vaguely immoral but it does reflect on this. And also on the fact that "an economy characterized by high employment, steady work and rising incomes can support a credit system on a credit without 'strains' on one which is static or depressed."—*London Express* Service.

# NY COTTON FUTURES UNCERTAIN

The spot March remained at the 35.77 cent level for ninth session in a row. Trading there will end in the noon hour tomorrow. Open contracts in March at the start of trading today totaled 29,900 bales. Deliveries notices were 400 bales. The certificated stock rose 32¢ to 11.321 bales.

July	.....	30.65
<b>LIVERPOOL</b>		
Futures closings, in pence per		
lb. were as follows:		
Old contract	Mar./Apr.	26.00
	May/June	25.00
	July/Aug.	24.00
New contract	May/June	31.25
	July/Aug.	27.00
	Oct./Nov.	29.00

# WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

Estate crene unquoted.  
**NEW YORK**  
 The No. 1 Res future  
 contract today closed 40 to  
 points higher with sales of 2  
 contracts.  
 The standard contract closed  
 81 to 50 points higher with sal  
 of 208 contracts.  
 Futures were:  
 No. 1 Res (old)

A number of our market reports were available this morning owing to poor radio reception.

## U.S. RUBBER CONSUMPTION

**Total new rubber consumption in January, 1955, was 125,367 long tons. Consumption in December, 1955, was 124,403.—United Press.**

**HONGKONG  
STOCK  
EXCHANGE**

RUBBER			
A. Rubber	1.70	1.75	500 of 1.7
Trust			1921 of 2.2
UTILITIES			
Trans XD	23	23.30	200 of 23
			700 of 23
Star Ferry		136	
Y'mat Ferry	104	103	100 of 1
			100 of 1
C. Light (O)	21.10	21.40	
C. Light (N)		16.70	200 of 13
			50 of 18
Electric	29.60	30 1/4	5000 of 30
Macao Electric			
(Old)		9.70	
(Now)		8.30	

## Singapore Stock Market

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	\$1.57
British Borneo Petroleum	
Sdn. Bhd.	41/9d
Consolidated Tin Smelters	
Ord.	27/5d
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	31/7d
Fraser & Neave 7½% cum pr.	\$5.00
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$800*
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	\$1.00
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	24/12
Malayan Breweries	\$3.35
Ltd.	
Petaling Tin Ltd.	\$1.70
Straits Hotel	\$1.35
Singapore Cold Storage Co.	\$1.00
South British Insurance Co.	
Straits Trading	\$27.50
Straits Steamship	\$25.25
Straits Steamship Ord.	\$10.00
Wearne Bros.	\$2.80
Ord. & Dividend	\$2.80
Mail Sdn. Bhd.	\$1.00

## LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Mar. 12.

The tin market was very steady. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot .....	£32 1/2	£32 3/4
3-month .....	704	708
Copper spot .....	420	430
3-month .....	416 1/2	417
Lead 1st half Mar. ....	121	121 1/2
June .....	118 1/2	119
Zinc 1st half Mar. ....	102 1/2	103

## NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, Mar. 12.		
Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:		
Lead	Mar.	15.71
	April	15.71
Tin	Mar.	100.84
	April	100.00
Zinc	Mar.	19.44
	April	19.44
Copper	Mar.	83.11
	April	83.00

## Brisk Trading On Tokyo Exchange

power companies, banks and insurance firms with investors buying insurance in preference to bank shares because of their higher dividends. Yasuda Fire Insurance and Nishido Fire Insurance hit 103 yen and 99 yen respectively, the latter for a new high.

Other miners were electric shares on strength of the prevailing high prices of wire electric machinery due to the automation boom and chemical fibre and textile shares generally.—United Press.

In the speculative group Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Reorganised, jumped to 107 yen to stimulate active trading in other speculatives such as Tokyo Marine and Fire Insurance, Helwa Real Estate and Mitsu-

Business was done in the local	
unofficial exchange market this	
morning at the following rates:-	
U.S. dollar (per \$1) .....	5.85
Starling notes (per £) .....	15.60
Australian notes (per £1) ....	12.45
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) ..	10.70
Siamese (per 100) .....	26.40
Singapore (Straits) .....	1.05

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"CANTON"	26th April	29th May

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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
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